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Pub landlady tells of horror after man found

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A PUB landlady has described her horror after the body of a missing man lay in a van parked at her pub – for four months.

The man's body lay undiscovered in the back of the van at the Lazy Otter pub near Stretham from around late October until the end of February.

Despite repeated attempts by the pub landlords to have the vehicle removed, police, who had a description of the distinct maroon van with the man's mobile number on it, would not come out to look at it.

Paul O'Brien, 42, of Vinery Road, Romsey, Cambridge, was not found in the back of the vehicle until it was in a breaker's yard after being towed away by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Annette Gwinnett, owner of the Lazy Otter, described the sequence of events as "tragic".

She said: "We phoned the police three times telling them about the van and called the mobile number on the side of it but got no answer.

"We tried and tried and eventually the phone must have turned off.

"That raised our suspicions and we called the police again.

"They said it was private land and not their problem and told us to phone the council.

"If we hadn't done that the van might still be there and the family would not know what happened.

"We did everything we could. It is so tragic."

A spokesman for South Cambridgeshire District Council confirmed the van was taken away by its contractor Charlton Autoparts in Thriplow, near Sawston, on February 25.

Owner Terry Charlton said: "I was the one who found the body and it was very unpleasant and upsetting as you can imagine."

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GRISLY: The van with the body inside was at the Lazy Otter pub

Mr O'Brien's funeral was held near Newcastle on March 13. His friends held a wake at the Lazy Otter on what would have been his birthday two days later.

A friend of Mr O'Brien, who asked not to be named, said: "Paul was a kind man.

"When he was in Northern Ireland he was on a reconnaissance mission into southern Ireland and came under attack.

"His best friend was killed but they couldn't bring a helicopter in to pick them up.

"Paul carried his body for five miles to the border."

Mr O'Brien fought in the first Gulf War and served two tours in Northern Ireland.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said the handling of the reports of the van are now being reviewed.

He said: "We did receive a report of concern for the man in January after he had not been seen since November.

"The handling of that report is being reviewed and the findings will be passed to the coroner for inclusion in the inquest.

"At this stage the matter has not been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission."

People of all nationalities join forces to celebrate Easter in Ely

EGG-CELLENT: Among the many Easter events held in East Cambs was a Polish Easter Extravaganza at The Forum in Ely. Turn to page 5 to see how the area's Polish and British community came together for the event

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Chimney fire spreads to house

A CHIMNEY fire spread to a house in Mepal.

Initially fire crews were called out to reports of a chimney fire at a house in Cambridge Road at 10.23am on Saturday.

On arrival they found a chimney and private house alight and requested a turntable ladder to help bring it under control. It was extinguished by 12.13pm.

Proposals for Cambridge Road

TWO new homes could be built in Cambridge Road, Ely.

Mr S Locke and Salmons Brothers Ltd have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build two detached dwellings and integral garages at Barton Lodge.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Suspected stolen tools recovered

RESIDENTS in the Ely area who have had power tools stolen recently are being urged to call police.

Officers have seized a haul of suspected stolen tools from several addresses in East Cambridgeshire and police are inviting theft victims to see if any of the items are theirs.

Call 101 to make an appointment at Ely police station.

New bungalow plans for Soham

A NEW bungalow and two garages could be built on a plot in Soham.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received plans to build a chalet bungalow and detached garage at 52, The Butts, as well as a new garage for the existing bungalow.

To view the plans, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

GOLDEN TIMES: Roy and Mary Neal from Ely were surrounded by family and friends as they celebrated their golden wedding

Well-known city couple celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

A COUPLE who have lived in Ely almost their entire life have celebrated their Golden wedding.

Roy and Mary Neal were surrounded by family and friends as they marked the major 50-year milestone with a party at the city's Larkfields Centre on Easter Saturday.

Roy, 76, and Mary, 70, have lived in the Ely area since their early teens and got married at St Mary's Church, Ely, on March 30, 1963.

Mary, who lives with her husband in Lumley Close, said: "We met just out and about in town, really.

"We had mutual friends and used to go out to the cinema together. Motorbikes were a big thing back then and he had one so that was an instant attraction."

The couple have two children, Stephen Neal and Julie Neal, both who live in Ely, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary, who worked for years at Ely's Old Bishop's Palace when it was a Red Cross care home, said: "It's marvellous to think we've been together for 50 years.

"We've had a lot of challenges along the way but you just work through them and here we are all those years later.

"Our party was fantastic and we'd like to thank every person who made it so memorable.

"Instead of presents we asked guests to make a donation to Thyroid UK and we raised an amazing £345.

"Ely's town crier, Avril Hayter-Smith also attended and wrote us a special ode, which was lovely."

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Court deal sparks a mixed reaction

NEWS that Ely's derelict magistrates' court has been bought by the City of Ely Council has sparked a mixed reaction from locals.

Some residents have welcomed the purchase while others fear the council may not "make the most" out of the Grade II listed building.

As reported last week, the city council has bought the courthouse, in Lynn Road, from the Ministry of Justice for the modest sum of £1.

Ely's Mayor, Will Burton, says the council would like to relocate its offices there from Market Street – but he is adamant the courthouse will also have "community, heritage, arts and educational use".

However, Christopher Macfarlane, of Cambridge Road, fears the building will be renovated mainly into offices and says that would be a "tragic waste".

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He added: "I'm pleased the courthouse is now in the hands of a local organisation but I can't help but feel the city council won't make the most out of this historic building.

"Numerous people have come up with some cracking ideas for the future use of the courthouse – my particular favourite was turning it into a live music and arts venue.

"I can see why the council would like to re-locate its offices there but I have a horrible feeling the majority of the building will end up being offices and that would be a tragic waste."

Cllr Burton is assuring residents the courthouse will not solely be used as offices.

He said: "It is felt by the City of Ely Council that this heritage landmark building should be kept in public ownership for civic, community, heritage, arts and educational use.

"We will be speaking to various organisations throughout the city to continue discussions regarding how the use of the courthouse can serve the community."

Little Downham resident Eddie Holden has welcomed the news.

He said: "This is the best news Ely has received for years. Our courthouse is an outstanding building and it will now be the centre of attraction for everyone to see.

"I say to the City of Ely Council to go for it and make it Ely's nerve centre."

The deal brings an end to almost three years of uncertainty around the 19th century building, which has stood empty since it was closed by the Ministry of Justice in 2011.

Volunteer your time to help save lives

MORE community first responders are needed to help save lives in the Littleport area.

A spokesman for the Littleport Community First Responders group said: "Currently there are only three community first responders operating in the village.

"We desperately need more people to volunteer."

Visit *www.facebook.com/Littleportresponders* for more information.

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Skeleton of Bronze Age man unearthed

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THE skeleton of an elderly Bronze Age man has been discovered by archaeologists in Soham.

Experts believe the bones are of an elderly man who had been suffering with an abscess on his jaw.

It is the second body that archaeologists from Bury St Edmunds-based firm Archaeological Solutions have found while excavating former allotment land in Fordham Road.

The firm has been uncovering the site for about four months on behalf of property developer Hopkins Homes, which is building a large new housing development on the land.

Last year, the team discovered the remains of a man who appeared to have been decapitated, with his skull found placed between his legs.

Andrew Peachey, an artefacts specialist for Archaeological Solutions, said: "The latest discovery is another pre-historic burial, probably Bronze Age of an old male, with an abscess on his lower right jaw.

"It is likely that this would have resulted from an infection and may have caused the loss of several teeth."

After cleaning up the skull, the team found the damage to the man's jaw was most likely caused by a fistula caused by a persistent abscess in his mouth.

Mr Peachey said the discovery was hugely significant in terms of understanding the origins of the town which, in the pre-historic and Roman periods, was located on a Fen island.

He said: "The extent and structure of the Roman settlement and the underlying pre-historic activity continue to expand.

"Notable recent elements of the Roman settlement to emerge are ovens containing high quantities of carbonised plant remains (seeds/chaff), and a copper snake bracelet that appears to have snapped during use.

"Snakes were a popular symbol in Roman mythology, in this instance probably associated with the cults of Glycon or Asclepius (fertility and health respectively).

GRISLY FINDS: A second skeleton dating back to the Bronze Age has been discovered by archaeologists in Soham

"Until recently there wasn't really much evidence for Roman occupation for the village of Soham and this is the first major settlement found on the island. It's a fairly large gap in the historical landscape which we are now beginning to expand."

Among the items the occupants of early Soham left behind or lost include a latch key, finger ring, bone pendant and a comb made from antler. Evidence of a field system, cattle enclosure and a well have also been found.

Pottery discovered includes amphorae, which would have been used to import olive oil and wine from France and Spain, and samian ware, a fine red pottery from France and Germany.

Man found dead in public toilets in Ely

A MAN has been found dead in public toilets in Ely.

The man, aged in his 40s and said to be foreign by police, was discovered in the public toilets at Sacrist Gate, near Ely Cathedral.

Emergency services, including the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), were called to the scene shortly after 5pm last Thursday but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

A spokeswoman for the EAAA said: "Despite the best efforts of all those at the scene, unfortunately nothing could be done to help this patient.

"Our thoughts are with their family and friends at this sad and difficult time."

Police say they are not treating the man's death on March 28 as suspicious.

Ely's Citizen's Advice Bureau needs a helping hand

ELY'S Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is seeking more volunteers to cope with a predicted increase in demand.

The Rural Cambs CAB says that more and more people will require the organisation's help following major Governmental changes to the benefits system.

Beverley Howard, chief officer in Ely, is urging people who have some spare time to volunteer to help others.

She said: "People are calling in for advice in increasing numbers.

"They are extremely concerned and don't know what they can do."

In the last month, there has been a 13 per cent increase in benefit enquiries, with that figure expected to double over the next six months.

If you can help volunteer, call 0845 130 6442. Visit *www.ruralcambscab.org.uk*.

Planned eco-home could feature on TV

FILM crews from the Channel 4 show *Grand Designs* could soon descend on Wentworth.

Mr and Mrs B Woodbine, who have lived in the village for about 30 years, want to build a new eco-friendly property on land next to their home, Garwood Lodge, in Main Street.

They have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build the new sustainable property and say *Grand Designs* has indicated it would be interested in filming the development if the plans were approved.

The proposed dwelling itself is single-storey and described as a "passive house" in that it would be carbon neutral.

In a statement to planners, the applicants' agents said: "The proposal will consider its effect on the environment at all stages of development and will hopefully be a first for East Cambridgeshire.

"*Grand Designs*' researcher has indicated that they would be interested in following our proposal if planning permission was granted."

The final decision lies with the council. Visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk* to see the plans.

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ON THE TRAIL: Aiyana Osborne, left, and Jasmine Sparrow

Easter fun galore at Wicken Fen

CHOCOLATE brought smiles to children's faces at Wicken Fen over the Easter weekend.

For the sixth year, Cadbury and the National Trust teamed up to hold fun-filled Easter egg trails around the reserve.

Egg-cited children of all ages explored the reserve searching for hidden clues in a bid to solve the puzzles and get their hands on chocolate goodies.

There were also ever-popular egg and spoon races.

A spokesman for the reserve said: "Families have had an absolute blast at Wicken Fen this Easter.

"Our Easter egg trails and egg and spoon races were particularly popular and have all been extremely well supported."

A host of activities are being held at Wicken Fen during the Easter break, including pond dipping, minibeast hunts, arts and crafts, den building and wildlife detectives.

For more information, call (01353) 720274.

Coach firm bid to be a training hub

AWARD-winning coach hire company Greys of Ely looks set to become a national coach driver training centre.

Bosses have drawn up major plans which include building a state-of-the-art new training facility at the firm in Witchford, as well as a new on-site home for the firm's managing director Richard Grey.

The proposals, which have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, also include creating an outside 'al fresco area' for its 40 employees, which would boast a 'trim trail' and fitness equipment.

In a statement to planners, Mr Grey's agents said the firm, which was founded in Ely in 1946, currently has to send all its coach drivers to training centres in either Manchester or London.

They said: "There are currently no local providers of coach driver training, which is seen as an

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opportunity to reduce training costs, diversify the business and provide a centre of excellence within the East of England to serve other coach companies.

"Part of the proposed building will become a registered training centre where not only employees of Grey's but other coach operators could send their employees for training."

The agents said Mr Grey wants to live on the site to try to reduce crime and vandalism. They said: "In order to deter thieves, Greys have erected security fencing, improved lighting and installed security day night cameras.

"Despite these efforts the property still suffers from regular burglaries.

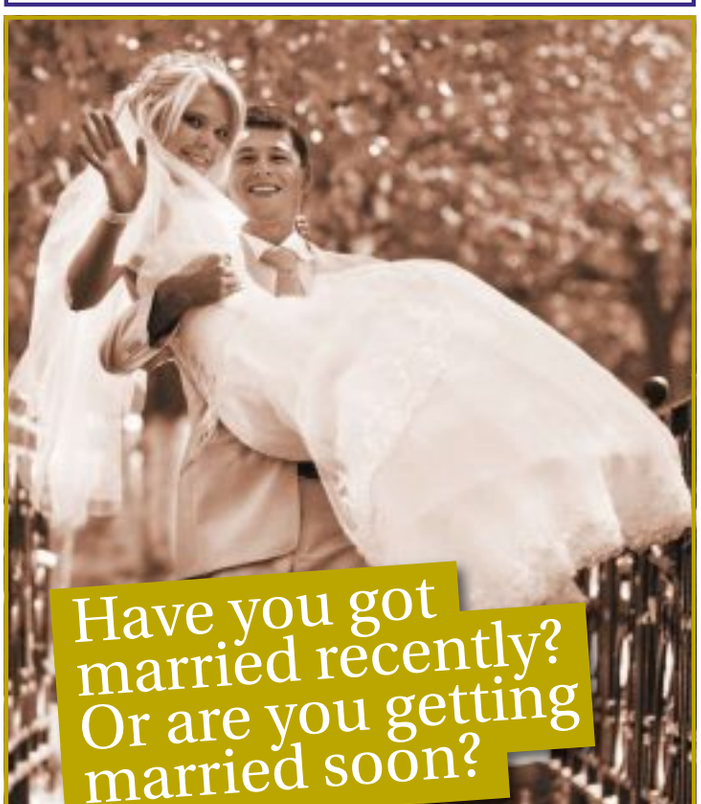
"The residential element of the development will improve the current security arrangements by providing a 24-hour presence."

The plans also include building an outdoor 'al fresco area' for employees to "relax and unwind". They said: "The client recognises the importance of good employee facilities, where staff can relax and take their lunch breaks, when attracting employees and ensuring both their physical and mental health.

"As part of the proposal it is intended that a 'trim trail' area with outside gym equipment be incorporated within the landscape planting. In addition an employees' garden area for al fresco dining and relaxation will be provided away from the main depot activities to ensure that employees are getting sufficient down time to maintain their effectiveness."

The decision could be made within eight weeks.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.



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New rules for foreign doctors

A NEW law came into force this week to make doctors have to prove they can speak the language well enough to treat patients.

The new legislation was introduced on Monday after the General Medical Council (GMC) pushed for stronger language testing following the case of David Gray, who died in Manea in 2008. He was killed by German doctor Daniel Ubani, who administered 10 times the normal dose of diamorphine.

The new rules were announced in February after several other cases in which foreign doctors were said to have provided sub-standard care.

Previously, doctors have been able to be registered to work in the NHS without being asked if they can speak English properly.

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Cathedral business fair opens tomorrow

A MAJOR business event at Ely Cathedral starts tomorrow (April 5).

The 'Celebration of Business extravaganza is being held at the cathedral from Friday to Thursday, April 11.

The event was held for the first time last year by the recently-formed Ely Cathedral Business Group and around 150 businesses large and small have signed up for this year's fair.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "We are really looking forward to the 2013 Celebration of Business exhibition – it certainly promises to be bigger and better than last year.

"The exhibition is fully booked which means there will be more than 150 stands for people to see.

"The event will be showcasing just how healthy this area is when it comes to business and all inside the splendour of our beautiful cathedral."

The exhibition will culminate with a free 'celebration reception' at the cathedral on April 11 at 6pm.

Keynote speakers are MP George Freeman and the Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Rev Dr David Thomson.

Visit *www.elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.*

United for Easter

POLISH and British families came together for an Easter celebration in Ely.

People of all ages were able to enjoy both nationalities' Easter traditions at the Easter Extravaganza event at The Forum on Saturday.

The event was organised by Ely's Polish Community School.

There were Easter egg decorating competitions, a presentation of Polish Easter traditions, a folk dance demonstration, cake sale, a knitting table and arts and crafts.

Pani Wisniewska, director of the Polish Community School, said: "The extravaganza went very well and we hope to hold it again next year."

For more information about the community school, go to *www.polskaszkola-ely.org.uk*.

EASTER TRADITIONS: Ela Ferla, 14, left, and Karolina Matyga, 15, at the Easter event at The Forum on Saturday

Study says East Cambs is no longer at top spot

EAST Cambridgeshire is one of the best places to live in the UK, according to a report.

The district, famed for Ely Cathedral and its stunning Fen landscape, came 14th in Halifax's annual Quality of Life survey.

However the district has slipped down a whopping 13 places in the report as it was rated as the top place to live last year.

According to the study, the area of Waverley in South East England now enjoys the highest living standards.

Uttlesford came second and East Hertfordshire came third.

The survey scores districts on a range of criteria including health and life expectancy, exam results and employment.

It also takes into account people's earnings, the environment, crime rates and house price affordability.

Nearly a third of the 50 local authority districts with the highest quality of life were in the south east.

The East of England claimed 13 spots and the East Midlands had 11.

Of the remainder, five places went to the South West, three to Yorkshire and the Humber and two were taken by the West Midlands.

South Cambridgeshire came sixth in the study.

Lidl plans given the green light

GERMAN supermarket chain Lidl has secured permission to open a new store in Ely by the Planning Inspectorate.

But the budget retail giant says it is now "reviewing" its current position "prior to moving forward".

The massive firm has been trying to move into Ely for about six years.

Bosses first submitted plans to build a food store in the city in 2007 but the proposals were rejected by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

They tried again in 2008 but those plans were refused too.

In 2011 the company then tried for a third time and applied to the council for planning permission to build a non-food store in the city instead.

Planners refused that scheme last year but Lidl launched an appeal against the council's decision with the Planning Inspectorate.

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Lidl has now confirmed the appeal has been successful.

Clare Norman, PR manager for the supermarket giant, said: "Our proposed development, namely the change of use of the existing car showrooms (sui generis) to non-food (comparison) retail floorspace to be occupied by a restricted range of operators has been approved by the Planning Inspectorate."

The decision means Lidl can transform the EMG Ford premises in Angel Drove – located virtually opposite Tesco – into a non-food unit.

If and when the store opens it would sell DIY goods, carpets, pet products, furniture and electrical and gas appliances.

But Mrs Norman said: "We are currently reviewing our position prior to moving forward."

The plans have sparked a mixed reaction in the past, with the Ely Traders' Association fearing it could have a negative impact on city-centre businesses.

But many have welcomed the plans.

Penny Olday, of Ely's Kings Avenue, said: "Ely is desperate for this Lidl store.

"Most towns or cities you go to have numerous hardware and furniture stores on out-of-town developments yet Ely has virtually nothing.

"It's all very well people saying that stores like this will destroy town centre trade but it won't. It doesn't elsewhere and it won't in Ely.

"Ely's population is growing so fast and we need to have everything we can to stop people from getting in their cars and driving down the A10 to Cambridge."

The decision by the Planning Inspectorate comes just weeks after budget supermarket Aldi opened its doors in Lisle Lane.

See how much Cambridgeshire has changed at celebratory event

PEOPLE will be able to look at how much Cambridgeshire has changed in the last decade at an event in Haddenham.

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Cambridgeshire federation of volunteer-run branches is holding the event at the village's Arkenstall Centre on Saturday, April 13.

It is the first in a series of events being held across East Anglia to celebrate the centenary of the WEA's Eastern region, whose first recorded meeting is March 29, 1913.

It runs from 9.30am-4pm.

Tickets are £10. Pre-booked lunch is £5 or people can take their own.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. *'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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Councillors' ban means local democracy is under threat

I REFER to your report "Banned councillors to be reinstated" (*Weekly News*, March 21).

Why would any elected councillor think that he has the authority to deprive other elected members of the right to carry out their role and duties as members of a public body for disobeying "party rules"?

Since when have party rules overridden the basic democratic right of councillors to play a full part in the district council decision-making process? This incident surely highlights the danger of a system that allows national politics to pervade local government decision-making.

In an enlightened society the role of local government is to exercise those functions and duties delegated to it from time to time by Parliament, without undue hindrance or oversight by the delegator, provided the delegation is being exercised in accordance with its terms. In other words local government is about allowing local people to make local decisions about local problems, at the local level, with local accountability by the elected representatives to the local electorate. National politics should play no part in this process.

What a great pity that the decisions made by Clrs Moakes and Palmer were not tested by way of judicial review at the time that the decisions were made; perhaps it is not too late to yet initiate a review. I hope that someone will take up the challenge because local democracy could be under threat.

Bill Conroy
Gateway Gardens
Ely

Constituents are sick of this debacle, Cllr Moakes

I WISH to vote in the forthcoming local election and in doing so would fully expect that my chosen candidate will be free to take a full and active part in all council meetings, free to express the views and concerns of their constituents and to listen to and act upon their conscience when it is deemed neccessary, that is what the voting public want.

I think it is time the undemocratic and petty ban on our forthright councillors is lifted immediately the overal consensus seems to be that constituents are tired of this debacle – over to you, Cllr Moakes.

Linda Cleveland
Eagles Lane
Lt Downham

I hope 'distant opinions' don't count in boathouse decision

I'VE been following with interest the progress of Cambridge University Rowing Club's application to build a new boathouse on the river bank almost opposite the entrance to Roswell Pits nature reserve.

A two-story building with 40 bunk beds for overnight stays in this quiet spot is bound to stir up concern, and understandably LCPRE, the local group which successfully campaigned to stop development in Roswell Pits, has been lobbying against the proposal. Walkers and anglers aren't best pleased either, though local rowers who've been promised the possibility of building a boathouse alongside are understandably in favour.

The arguments for and against are well rehearsed in the letters the ECDC planners have received about the application (you can view them online) and, until the last few days for public comment, the great majority were against permission being granted.

However, in the final days a flood of letters of support have come in. If you look at them, almost all come from people who aren't resident in Ely or its surrounds. Most of them are short, and general, and most of them appear to be from keen rowers. Clearly the boat club have been drumming up support, as is their right.

What really worries me is whether these distant supporters' opinions will carry weight with the powers that be. Surely people who live in the city and its environs are the ones whose opinions count – why should the opinions of folk from London and even further afield matter at all?

The argument that it is of national importance for Cambridge University to have the best possible facilities to train is spurious, and as a graduate of that university myself, I can tell you that a great many others would not be proud to see what the University Boat Club is attempting to put across the residents of Ely. I write in hope that our planners and councillors will take a similar view of this remote lobbying.

Paul Redhead
Chapel St
Ely

Quartet should be praised for sticking to principles

AS a member of the public who was involved in supporting the Ely traders in their successful bid to halt the district council's attempt to resuscitate charging for car-parking in Ely, I was very disappointed indeed to read Cllr Neil Morrison's letter ('Why stay silent until now'? *Weekly News*, March 21)last week attacking the four Conservative councillors who have done so much, at great emotional expense, to support the traders' case because they had their picture in the local paper.

I was present at the development and transport sub-committee on March 6, 2012 when car parking charging was rejected the first time. Indeed, I witnessed three of those four councillors under such pressure that they were sobbing with emotion as they put their constituents' views before those of their party, as they are obliged to do by the council constitution.

At that same meeting, the council legal officer had to insist that one of those councillors was absolutely correct in pointing out that another councillor had a conflict of interest and must withdraw, although the council leader didn't seem to think that conflict was important when it was first pointed out to him.

Subsequently, all three of those councillors were removed from all their committee duties as a 'punishment', something which was a direct breach of the council constitution.

Since the latest 'consultation' restarted, all four of these councillors have repeated their opposition to it in public and have, most probably, even more strongly argued the case in private that the principle was not in their constituents' best interest and that the 'consultation' process was flawed because it focused on the charging method rather than the principle, the decision about which had been carefully 'hidden in public' in an oblique reference on the council website.

I am sure these councillors will have had to fight tooth and claw to point out that this proposal went against all current thinking on the subject, against national Conservative party policy and against local Conservative party policy.

Now, I brought it to the attention of the Liberal Democrat leadership that the consultation mechanism was at best incompetent and at worst dishonest, but did they do anything about getting the consultation stopped? No! So I think Cllr Morrison does not do himself or his party any good at all by playing more party politics over an issue on which he should be congratulating Cllrs Bailey, Griffin-Singh, Hunt and Rouse for standing up for their principles and their constituents in the face of extreme pressure.

What Cllr Morrison and his colleagues should be doing is asking some serious questions about how the decision to waste more public money on this subject was made, who signed off the flawed consultation and why have they not been disciplined or removed from office.

Perhaps this demonstrates once more, the case for banning party politics from local government. A good person is much more important than gang loyalty.

Alan James
via email

VICTORY!
You protested, they listened and parking is to stay FREE in Ely

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The front page of the *Weekly News* on March 14, which prompted a response from Cllr Neil Morrison on March 21

We deserve a higher standard from our public servants

SHOULD we all be happy that Ely Council has acquired another prestigious building in the city? I'm not so sure.

On the one hand, we should all celebrate the continued life of our heritage. However, on balance, can we trust the intent of our elected council?

Let us look to our inglorious recent history: hikes in taxing above the national average; the political culling of councillors who dare to oppose the autocratic, shady designs of the ruling group; insulting, undemocratic car parking questionnaires designed to make us all complicit in the mad parking idea; bullish and ill-considered policies, designs and schemes, such as the Cambridge University boathouse for elite overseas athletes that will catastrophically impact on our rare and ancient Ely wildlife and space. What are we allowing in our name, Ely?

I believe in this city, but I believe we deserve a higher standard of thought and respect in our public servants. We may be country people – but be mindful Ely Council. Be mindful East Cambs Council. You are our elected representatives. So, shelve your copies of Orwell's *Animal Farm* – we won't have that here.

RM Pitt
Ely
via email

LETTERS POLICY

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Learn new events skills in Soham

A COMMUNITY project is being launched in Soham this month to give local people the chance to organise and stage their own public event.

The 'Make it Happen' project was spearheaded in Littleport earlier this year by Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC).

Thanks to its success, the organisation is now running the project in Soham.

Zoe Davidson, from ADeC, said: "ADeC is pleased to announce the launch of the Make it Happen project in Soham.

"Have you ever wanted to learn the necessary skills to put on your own event? Join this project, learn the skills to select promote and stage a public event.

"The training is free and open to people over the age of 19 years, and no experience is necessary. The course is rewarding and fun, and a great opportunity to share your skills with the local community."

The project will be held at Soham Library over five weeks.

Call (01353) 611592, email *zoe.davidson@adec.org.uk* or visit *www.adec.org.uk* for more information.

Hot summer nights for the city centre

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FAMILIES will be able to enjoy live outdoor entertainment in Ely city centre every Saturday evening this summer thanks to the city's mayor-to-be.

Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh, who will become Mayor of Ely in May, is making it her mission to promote and boost the city centre.

First on her wish list is to enhance the city's nighttime economy which is where her new 'Mayor of Ely's Summer Saturdays Programme' comes in.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, Cllr Griffin-Singh said: "My mission for my year in office is to support and improve the high street, ie: Ely city centre.

"Our High Street, Market Place, Market Street and Forehill areas are at the very heart of our city and need to be just right.

"One of my biggest gripes is Ely's nighttime economy or to be frank, the lack of it. It saddens me that so many people have to travel out of the city to do things in the evening."

Cllr Griffin-Singh's 'Summer Saturdays' programme will see live entertainment such as singing, dancing and acting taking over Ely Market Place every Saturday from May through to September.

SUMMER SATURDAYS: Ely's mayor-to-be Elaine Griffin-Singh

It is launching on Saturday, May 25 – and she now wants to hear from any person, act or group who would like to take part.

She said: "Our Market Place is a huge open space and is desperately under-used, if you ask me.

"I want it to become a real hub of Ely and I'm confident my Summer Saturdays programme can help. It's about bringing an air of Spanish-style summer evenings to the city.

"Giving families and people of all ages somewhere to come, listen to some music, watch some performances, have a drink and some food and to generally have a good time in their own city.

"It's about getting people to meet other people in their community and preventing them from travelling out to places like Cambridge.

"We've had so much interest from individuals and groups already who want to perform but there's still plenty of slots for others who would like to star in the programme and I'd love to hear from you."

The event will be held every Saturday from May 25 to September 7 from 6pm-10pm each week.

The programme is being supported by police, East Cambridgeshire District Council, the City of Ely Council and Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire, and seating will be provided.

Numerous restaurants and food takeaways in Ely have also signed up to cook and deliver meals to revellers, or people are invited to take their own food and drink along.

Ten per cent of the value of food orders delivered to the Market Place will be donated to the mayor's charity for local charities and groups.

For more information, call the City of Ely Council on (01353) 661016 or email *elaine.griffinsingh@cityofelycouncil.org.uk*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Inquest into pensioner's death

AN inquest has been opened after a pensioner died at his home in Ely.

Harry Arms, 82, died at his home in Deacons Lane on March 23. The cause of his death has been provisionally given as sarcomatoid mesothelioma in the right lung.

An inquest into Mr Arms' death has been opened and adjourned pending further enquiries.

Textile artist hosts workshop

LEADING textile artist Yvonne Brown is coming to Ely on Saturday.

Yvonne will be running an 'Introduction to Free Machining' workshop at Sew Much To Do in Ely's High Street Passage.

The session is running from 9.30am-12.30pm and costs £30. Call (01353) 664000 to book your place or for more information.

Street cleaner calls it a day

DEDICATED street cleaner Chris Burgess has hung up his broom and cart after four years keeping the streets of Soham clean.

Mr Burgess, who won the Soham Townsperson of the Year Award three times in a row for his passion for keeping the town clean, has decided to retire from the role.

The 66-year-old, of Bushell Lane, was presented with a card signed by dozens of local businesses and residents, who said he went out of his way to keep the town tidy.

'Write for Rights' event in Ely

AMNESTY International Ely City Group is holding a 'Write for Rights' event at the Ely Cathedral Centre on Saturday.

The event is running from 10.30am-12.30pm and refreshments and all letter-writing materials will be provided.

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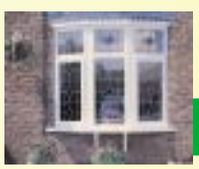

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Acknowledgements

SAMPFORD. Kath and the family of the late Dennis thank everyone very sincerely for the many kind messages and cards of sympathy which were quite overwhelming. Thanks also for the great attendance in church which was very touching and much appreciated and the generous donations to H.E.A.R.T. which amounts to £743 to date. Please acknowledge this as our very sincere and grateful thanks.

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LET'S GO: Tour guide Alan Williams leads walkers from Oliver Cromwell House

Easter walks prove popular

SPRIGHTLY souls took advantage of the public holiday on Monday by learning more about Ely's medieval monastic buildings.

A monastic guided tour was held in the city, enabling people to explore the grounds of some of Ely's most iconic buildings and listen to tales of monks and royalty.

The walk was one of a series of tours organised by Ely's Oliver Cromwell House over the weekend. Special activities are also being held throughout the Easter break.

Aileen Sharp, tourism development officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Visitors to Oliver Cromwell House this Easter will be able to find out just how green-fingered the Cromwells were by growing food to sustain themselves and their household.

"It is incredibly interesting to see how the skills and techniques used in the seventeenth century are still recognisable today more and more people grow their own food."

Call (01353) 662062.

Joy after cinema plans prioritised

FILM fans have thanked council leader Peter Moakes for making plans to build a new multiplex cinema in Ely a priority.

It comes after Cllr Moakes, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said that he wants a new cinema to open in the city within the next two years.

As previously reported, the district council has revealed it is in 'advanced talks' with a 'national developer' which is keen to build a new cinema complex in the city.

Cllr Moakes says he is keen for the developer to submit their proposals and for planning permission to be granted by the end of this year.

The aim is to have the much-awaited new facility built on land at the junction of Downham Road/A10 within the next two years.

Nikki Carter, of Julius Martin Lane, Soham, said: "News that a new cinema could be built in Ely by 2015 is the best I've heard from the council for some time.

"The council has been talking about if for so long but finally things are now starting to gather pace.

"I'm glad Peter Moakes has identified the cinema plans as a priority. I

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currently have to drive all the way to Huntingdon or Cambridge to go and watch the latest films. Having a cinema in Ely would be fantastic and is just what this area needs."

Charlotte Woor, 16, of Twenty Pence Road, Wilburton, added: "I'm over the moon that the council is making Ely's new cinema a priority.

"There really isn't much to do in this area for people my age and having a cinema on our doorsteps would be amazing. My friends and I have to go into Cambridge every time we want to see the latest films."

Originally there were six potential sites being considered for the new cinema by the council.

They were land at the junction of Downham Road/A10, land at the Ely Station gateway area, land west of Cambridgeshire Business Park in Angel Drove or on the new Ely North Development.

The possibility of building the cinema where Ely's police station and council offices are, or where the Paradise Centre currently is, were also considered but were later removed as members said it made more sense to look at vacant sites.

It was the site at Downham Road/A10 which came out top in a public consultation and the council is now keen to press ahead with the development.

Cllr Moakes said: "Since we announced the results of the cinema consultation at the end of last year, we have sought proposals from the cinema developers across the country and have now narrowed it down to one preferred developer.

"We are very encouraged by the nature of the discussions and the initial plans which are being proposed. We are working hard to ensure a cinema will be open within the next two years."

The district council is not yet willing to confirm who the 'preferred developer' is yet.

Have your say

Comment on this story at elyweeklynews.co.uk

Beware of scam, people warned

RESIDENTS are being urged not to fall victim to a computer scam.

A woman from Ely, who did not want to be named, contacted the *Weekly News* after she almost fell victim to a scam and police are warning people to be on their guard.

The woman said: "I received a call from someone who claimed to be from Microsoft.

"It happened on Friday (March 29) evening at around 6pm.

"The caller said they had identified a virus on my computer and that they needed to take remote control of my PC.

"At first I panicked and was about to give them my personal details but then I realised no way would Microsoft do something like that over the phone.

"I reported the incident to police a couple of days later and they said they'd had similar calls and that it was a scam.

"People really need to be on their guard and never offer personal details over the phone unless they are 100 per cent sure who is calling them."

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police urged people to be on their guard.

He said: "We would always urge people to be vigilant when cold-called by companies offering financial services and to never give personal information to callers.

"Callers from genuine companies will be willing to provide contact details you can use to check their authenticity."

Call police on 101 with any information.

Top author Deborah Moggach comes to town

HIT author Deborah Moggach is coming to Ely next week.

The English author, who has written 16 novels, will be talking about her latest comedy, *Heartbreak Hotel*.

The event is being held at St Peter's Church in Broad Street on Thursday, April 11.

A spokeswoman for Ely's Topping & Company Booksellers, which has organised the visit, said: "Deborah, the author of best-seller *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, moves to the Welsh countryside with her hilarious new comedy, *Heartbreak Hotel*.

"Russell 'Buffy' Buffery has upped sticks from London and opened a B&B in Wales with a new money-making wheeze, 'Courses for Divorces'."

Deborah has adapted many of her novels as TV dramas and has also written several film scripts, including the BAFTA nominated screenplay for *Pride & Prejudice*.

In February 2005, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by her Alma Mater, the University of Bristol.

She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and is a former chair of the Society of Authors.

The event in Ely starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7. For tickets or more information, visit Toppings in Ely's High Street, call (01353) 645005 or visit *www.toppingbooks.co.uk*.

AUTHOR VISIT: Deborah Moggach is coming to Ely

Plan 'puts a race before our wildlife'

CAMBRIDGE University's contentious plans to build a new boathouse in Ely are "putting the interests of one boat race a year ahead of valuing the local environment".

That's the message from the Wildlife Trust Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire (BCN), which has submitted a formal objection against the scheme.

Cambridge University Boat Club, Cambridge University Women's Boat Club and Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club want to build the new boathouse at Fore Mill Wash, which lies in between two of Ely's Sites of Specific Scientific Interest.

The applicants say the development would offer improved facilities not only for the three university clubs but also for local rowing clubs and other residents.

But the scheme has been at the centre of controversy ever since it was submitted – mainly over the impact it could have on wildlife.

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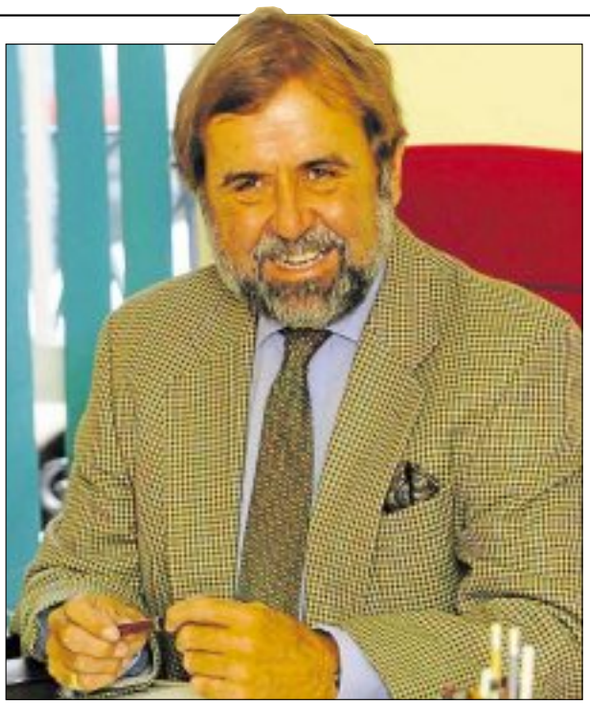
Martin Baker, conservation manager at the trust, said: "The new boathouse could hardly have been proposed in a more sensitive location for wildlife.

"I have advised the boat club that it is the wrong location for their new development but they have ignored us, and seem intent in putting the interests of one boat race a year ahead of valuing the local environment."

Ewan Pearson, chairman of Project Ely, the name given to the development, said he could not respond fully to the trust's objection until the public consultation has ended.

But he said: "We are confident that our project will have only minimal impact on the local ecology, and have been as conscientious as we can in offsetting this by providing considerable mitigation, compensation and enhancements."



OVERSEAS STUDIES: International education specialist Peter Harris, from Ely, is working to promote the benefits of an English education in Vietnam

Peter helps inspire Vietnamese

INTERNATIONAL education specialist Peter Harris is working with the producers of a TV programme to promote the benefits of an English education to Vietnamese students.

The programme has the backing of the Vietnamese government, which is keen to encourage a global perspective among its young people.

Peter, who lives in Ely and was a founder director of King's International Study Centre, said: "The hope is that this TV programme will encourage more of the brightest students to explore what a British education has to offer those students who will return to Vietnam and help their country prosper."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Overnight resurfacing work on A142 to start next week

OVERNIGHT re-surfacing work to the A142 Stuntney Causeway is due to start next week.

Cambridgeshire County Council will be carrying out the work overnight between the village and Queen Adelaide Way.

The work, costing about £90,000, starts on Monday and is expected to take five nights to complete.

Working hours will be 7pm-6.30am with a road closure and diversion in operation.

Access to properties will be maintained and the road will be fully open outside of the working hours.

Trees targeted with graffiti

YOBS have sprayed graffiti on trees in Witchford.

Police are appealing for information after graffiti appeared on a number of trees in Manor Road.

It is believed the offence was committed some time during March.

Anyone with any information is urged to call 101.

Let your blood help save lives

DONATE some of your red stuff in the Ely area this month.

A blood donor session is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday, April 12 from 1pm-3.15pm and 4.30pm-7pm.

On Wednesday, April 17 a session is being held at the Ely Beet Club from 1.15pm-3.30pm and 4.30pm-7pm.

And on Tuesday, April 30 a session is being held at The Maltings in Ely, again from 1.15pm-3.30pm and 4.30pm-7pm.

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New lick of paint for village hall

A VILLAGE hall has been given a new lease of life thanks to a community-spirited business.

The Green Team, a group of employees from March-based energy management consultancy CUB, descended on Queen Adelaide Village Hall last week to give the building a fresh lick of paint.

The team worked alongside CCORRN, the Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network, which supplied the equipment and recycled paint to ensure the project was eco-friendly.

Jacqui Fairfax, chairman of CUB, said: "We are a local employer and we have always believed that it is important for us to give back to the local community.

"We've worked on several projects such as tidying up with the council and with local schools as well as gardening in local parks and we're looking forward to our next challenge."

If you can think of a community project the company could help with, call 0845 602 7144.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Queen Adelaide Village Hall has been given a fresh lick of paint by a local business

Walkers' pits ban anger

WALKERS are furious after being barred from accessing parts of Ely's Roswell Pits.

Angry residents have accused the Environment Agency (EA) of being "over the top" by fencing off the northern side of the beauty spot – and its footpaths.

As previously reported, the EA has made the area out-of-bounds to the public for the "foreseeable future" as it fears the deteriorating paths there pose a "serious" health and safety risk.

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But upset locals are calling for the fencing to be removed.

Rita Merrivale, of Ely's Mulberry Way, said: "I'm furious. I walk my dogs in this area most days. The majority of people who walk in this area are adults.

"I'm sure we're old enough and responsible enough to avoid using crumbling paths and just stick to the main routes."

Another dog walker, who did not want to be named, said: "What the EA has done is completely over the top and not fair on people like myself who walk here regularly.

"Yes some of the paths are a bit ropey but anyone with a brain cell just avoids them. To ban us from the area for the foreseeable future isn't acceptable."

But a spokeswoman for the EA insists the area needs to be kept out-of-bounds.

She said: "There are steep, often slippery, ground conditions leading straight into the water – posing serious risks for members of the public who walk along the bank and footpath.

"After careful consideration of all possible options to increase safety at the site, we agreed that fencing off the area and preventing public access for the foreseeable future was the only affordable option."

The agency says that alternative access to the site could be explored – if funding could be sourced.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Help keep your streets safe by monitoring CCTV cameras

MORE volunteers are needed to monitor CCTV in Ely and Soham.

The Ely and Soham Community CCTV Partnership is recruiting more volunteers and is urging anyone who would like to help monitor the areas' streets to get in touch.

The partnership has been running for two years.

A drop-in stall is being held on Ely Market Place on Saturday from 9.30am-12.30pm for people to find out more.

Alternatively, call the City of Ely Council on (01353) 661016 or email *info@cityofelycouncil.org.uk*.

Bop the night away at college

A ROCK 'n' roll charity dance is being held at Ely College this month to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The ever-popular Rock Island Rebels will be performing at the dance, which is being held on Saturday, April 13.

Ely College's community education department has organised the event, which runs from 8pm to midnight, and will feature a licensed bar and prize draw.

Tickets are £10 and available by calling Joe Jefferson on 07546 491681 or Richard Martin on (01353) 699380.

Alternatively, call community education on (01353) 664853 or visit Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage.

Check fire alarm is working

RESIDENTS are being urged to check their smoke alarms are working properly now that the clocks have gone back.

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BIG PLANS: An artist's impression of how the Ely Octagon Business Park could look

Time's up to speak over Tesco plans

JUST two residents have written to East Cambridgeshire District Council sharing their views on major plans to build an out-of-town retail and industrial park in Ely.

In February, developer Healy Investments applied for planning permission to demolish the city's Tesco store and build a new larger one close by – at the northern end of Angel Drove.

The plan is to incorporate the supermarket in a multi-million pound retail park, called Ely Octagon Business Park, which would also feature a new petrol station, hotel, restaurant, non-food retail units, a DIY unit and new offices and industrial units.

The time period for members of the public and organisations to have their say on the proposals ended on Thursday and just two residents wrote to the district council. Both are in support of the scheme.

Peter and Samantha Hughes, of Ely's Orford Close, said: "We believe that the further development of the area that Tesco currently holds could add to Ely as a community.

"Even if it is turned into additional parking for the station, this could bring in extra funds for the council. What's better – having land that doesn't add to the community or having an area of shops and added tourism opportunities that help this exploding community?"

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William Pickess, of West Fen Road, said: "As the population increases, the need for out-of-town shopping will be the modern option.

"The transfer of Tesco will free up valuable land in the Ely gateway. A large hotel with modern conference and entertainment capabilities is badly needed and the creation of jobs will be welcome."

The plans have been in the pipeline for some time and have proved controversial in the past.

Many residents have said the development is just what Ely needs but the Ely Traders' Association has been opposed to the project.

Speaking when the plans were first announced, Andrew Olley, a spokesman for the association, said: "This Death Star development will orbit Ely and suck the people, the trade and the heart out of Ely life."

But the association did not submit any response to the plans to the council.

The final decision lies with the district council.

More than 200 signatures on e-petition backing small firms

MORE than 200 people have thrown their weight behind an e-petition calling on the Government to take firmer action to help small businesses get paid on time.

Littleport-based direct debit processing company Eazipay Ltd launched the e-petition last month.

According to business research by Bacs, small to medium-size companies (SMEs) are currently owed more than £36 billion in late payments.

Eazipay believes the Government needs to do more to protect SMEs from the huge debt burden.

"Time after time Government ministers trot out platitudes about how they want to help businesses and yet nothing is actually being done," said Ron Bradney, managing director at Eazipay.

"That's why we have taken the drastic step of launching this e-petition. We want to force a thorough and open debate in the House of Commons and really turn the spotlight on how damaging late payments are to SMEs and how little the Government is actually doing.

"At a time of national austerity when even large High Street companies are going bust, it is a national scandal that SMEs are being starved of cash by customers who have the resources to pay their bills, but cynically choose not to."

Eazipay Ltd was set up in 2002 and is one of the UK's fastest growing direct debit processing companies.

To see the e-petition, visit *http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/46143*.

Ex-mayor is 'arrested'

A FORMER Mayor of Ely was arrested last week – but it was all in the name of charity.

Local businessman and councillor Brian Ashton, deputy police and crime commissioner for Cambridgeshire, was one of 17 'criminals' arrested for a variety of despicable 'crimes'.

The event, called Jail and Bait, was organised by Julie Spence, former chief constable of Cambridgeshire Police. It raised about £20,000 for the Ormiston Children and Families Trust.

It saw some of Cambridgeshire's most eminent individuals spending time in the dock, including Mr Ashton, who was arrested on suspicion of scrutinising financial documents without mercy.

The 'criminals' also included Penny Walkinshaw, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, and Sir Keith Pearson, chairman of Health Education England.

Other 'crimes' included being 'too Welsh' and grievous bodily harm (GBH) to a work computer.

The event raised around £20,000 for the trust, which is a leading charity for children and young people in the East of England. It provides services to support young people from disadvantaged communities who face social exclusion.

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Cracking fun at Easter fair

CRAFT lovers were in their element in Ely on Saturday.

A bumper Easter craft fair was held at the Ely Cathedral Centre on Palace Green.

Craftsmen and women from across the region turned out to exhibit and sell their wares, enabling families to browse over 30 stalls.

There was everything from handmade toys to jewellery, as well as knitted goods, stained glass, paintings and bath products.

Claire Mills, centre manager, said: "Our Easter fair was superb and one of most successful fairs to date.

"There were more than 30 stalls for people to browse and there were about 400 people through the doors – there was a real buzz.

"We sold around 60 hot cross buns on the day and another thing that went down particularly well was the man who we had outside engraving wood and children's toys to order.

"That was something new for this year and it provided a real attraction."

The fair raised about £650 for the cathedral centre, which is available for people to hire.

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Protests at plans for historic pub

PLANS to extend one of Ely's most historic pubs have been slammed as being "completely out of character".

Bosses at Greene King want to extend The Prince Albert in Silver Street and applied for planning permission to do so in January.

The proposals involve building an extension at the rear of the watering hole to form a new trade area and food preparation kitchen, plus they want to install a new kitchen extraction system at the site.

Greene King says the development is of a "minor nature" and that it would "not impact on either the physical or visual aspects" of the site.

But nearby residents are worried about the impact the extension would have on their properties and daily lives, and are urging planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council to reject the scheme.

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Among the objectors are district councillors Bill Hunt and Anna Bailey, who own a property in The Range, which backs onto the rear of the pub.

They said: "We note the new building on the western side of the site is proposed as a new dining area and we are concerned about the level of noise this might generate in what is a highly built-up residential area.

"Diners will exit the building via the lobby and new door. The cumulative effect of larger numbers of people leaving the building via this external route will inevitably increase the level of noise, causing unnecessary disturbance to the residents in The Range.

"We are also concerned about the installation of the new kitchen extraction system and the level of noise it will generate."

Vicky Cole insists the extension is too large and that it will "overshadow and ruin" properties in The Range.

She added: "The proposed extended kitchen and preparation room is completely out of character with the rural nature of The Range and surroundings. The increase in noise and air pollution will be unbearable.

"This plan is not well thought out. Can we have a revised, small version please?"

Greene King insists the extension has been designed "to be as minimalist as possible" and that everything proposed "reflects the character of the current building".

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1. IMPERIAL COMMANDER (Trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies) Grand performer and former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner who very nearly produced an amazing comeback from almost two years off when just beaten in the Argento Chase. Was being prepared for the Gold Cup again but missed out with a lung infection. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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2. WHAT A FRIEND (Trainer, Paul Nicholls) Once of Gold Cup standard but did not appear to take to the National last year and has become increasingly erratic.
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3. WEIRD AL (Trainer, Donald McCain) Capable on his day, but looks rather caught between two stools as he has not proved quite up to open races but too high in the weights for handicaps. Easily overlooked.
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4. QUEL ESPRIT (Trainer, W P Mullins) Bold-jumping grey who won last year's Irish Hennessy and should shape a lot better than his comeback in the same event. Stamina might be a concern but this class act could well enter calculations at a rewarding price. **Rating 9 (out of 10)**

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5. BIG FELLA THANKS (Trainer, Tom George) Has contested the last three Nationals, managing fourth at best but always among the first home. Has been in decent form for his latest trainer during the winter but is looks unlikely he'll be able to post a higher placing. **Rating 4 (out of 10)**

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6. SEABASS (Trainer, T M Walsh) Campaigned tremendously well by his shrewd trainer to win three in a row before last year's National, where he looked for a long way like he might provide a fairytale success for jockey Katie Walsh. Jumped like an old hand, still has few miles on the clock and goes on the shortlist after a decent build-up. **Rating 8 (out of 10)**

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7. ROBERTO GOLDBACK (Trainer, Nicky Henderson) Showed useful Graded form in Ireland before making a winning debut for his Henderson at Ascot in November. Has long been targeted for the race by likely champion trainer but has plenty of weight and stamina a concern. **Rating 4 (out of 10)**

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8. SUNNYHILLBOY Trainer, Jonjo O'Neill) Had been a frequent disappointment when fancied in big races before finally getting it right in last year's Kim Muir. Went on to finish an agonising whisker behind Neptune Collonges in the National and while his trainer will have him peaking here, this season's performances have not been encouraging and his new weight could stop him. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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9. BALLABRIGGS (Trainer, Donald McCain) The 2011 winner had a light campaign in a bid to defend his crown but weight took its toll and he faded to sixth after looking dangerous. Showed promise on his most recent start at Kelso and comes alive over these fences but is now 12 and still looks overburdened. **Rating 5 (out of 10)**

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10. TEAFORTHREE (Trainer, Rebecca Curtis) Confirmed stayer as a winner of the four-miler at Cheltenham who more recently finished second in an epic Welsh National. Not as good next time at Haydock and while a fine advertisement for his yard, has had several hard races this season and is passed by on this occasion. **Rating 4 (out of 10)**

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11. ACROSS THE BAY (Trainer, Donald McCain) Showed his well-being with a good win over hurdles recently but has yet to really reach the same heights in chases. Moderate in the Welsh National and this will be just as demanding.
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12. JOIN TOGETHER (Trainer, Paul Nicholls) Ran very well over the National fences in November and has been targeted at the race but was a failure in the Grimthorpe Chase, when pulled-up. Must shake off that showing and may just be a little inexperienced at this stage but not inconceivable he bounces back. **Rating 6 (out of 10)**

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13. COLBERT STATION (Trainer, T M Walsh) Arrives as a similar candidate to stablemate Seabass a year ago, chasing his fourth win on the bounce and with proven attributes for a big staying chase at Leopardstown over Christmas. Question mark is whether he has enough experience at fencing for such a demanding challenge, but highly respected. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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14. FORPADYDEPLASTERER (Trainer, Thomas Cooper) The 2009 Arkle hero has spent his career over two miles and would be causing an enormous shock.
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15. ON HIS OWN (Trainer, W P Mullins) Expensive purchase from the point-to-point field always looked like being a chaser and will once again be a big fancy for his top connections. Fell in last year's race and is still rather inexperienced but a likely stayer and won very nicely over hurdles at Navan on his comeback. **Rating 9 (out of 10)**

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18. CAPPA BLEU (Trainer, Evan Williams) Smart but fragile pointer ran very well to finish fourth last year and the National has been Williams' sole aim. Both his starts this season have been encouraging and he must rank as a danger with confidence high. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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19. OSCAR TIME (Trainer, M M Lynch) The 2011 runner-up is able to run off exactly the same handicap mark as his greatest effort so would be theoretically competitive but missed last year through injury and has not shown enough this term to suggest he's the same horse. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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20. ALWAYS WAINING (Trainer, Peter Bowen) Remarkable Aintree performer who pulled off an unprecedented third consecutive victory in last year's Topham Chase. Loves the fences but stamina clearly an issue and now a little long in the tooth. **Rating 3 (out of 10)**

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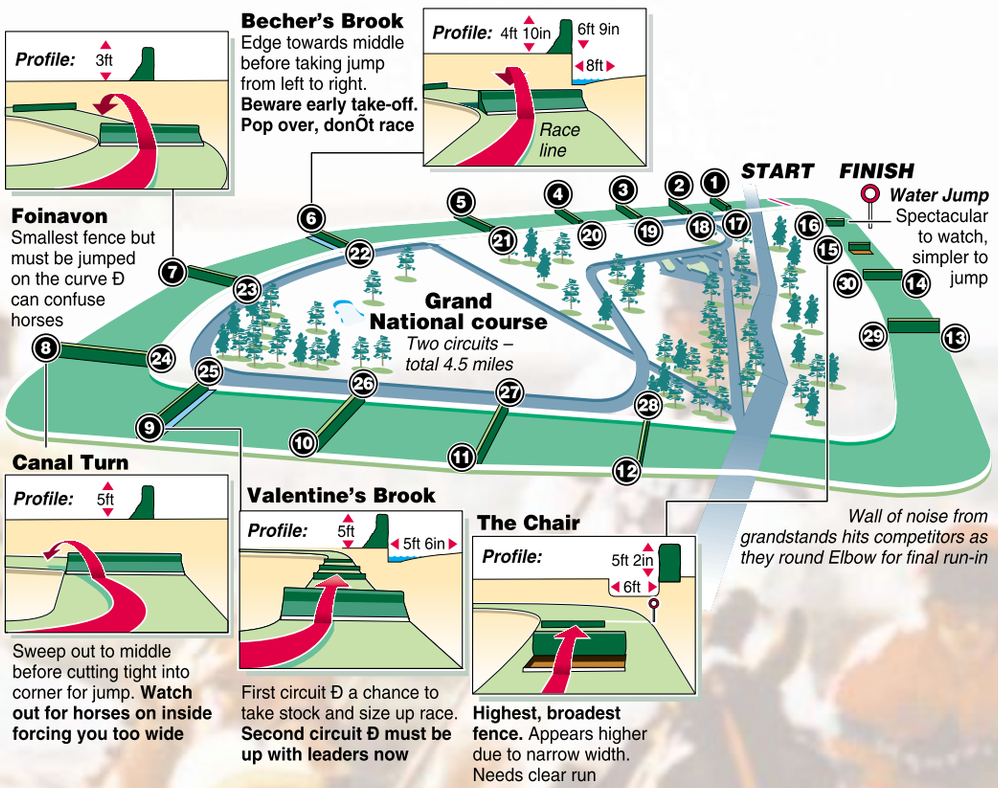

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31. BECAUSEICOULDNTSEE (Trainer, N F Glynn) Forgiven an unlucky fall in last year's race but still prone to mistakes. While capable of giving his supporters a run for their money, it is hard to see him carrying the cash over the line first. **Rating 5 (out of 10)**

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32. HARRY THE VIKING (Trainer, Paul Nicholls) Far from the horse he was as a novice last year and too inexperienced. **Rating 2 (out of 10)**

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21. QUINZ (Trainer, Philip Hobbs) Good chaser in his time but made mistakes and was eventually pulled-up two years ago. Ran very nicely on his belated comeback at Kempton and not a no-hoper but too many question marks against him. **Rating 5 (out of 10)**

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23. TREACLE (Trainer, T J Taaffe) Useful staying chaser on his day who perhaps arrived at last year's race, when he got no further than the 10th, with better form than he has managed this time. Won a small race at Down Royal but age is catching up with him at 12. **Rating 4 (out of 10)**

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24. LOST GLORY (Trainer, Jonjo O'Neill) Represents a good stable for the race and entered a fruitful period in the summer but has been off a long time and even his own trainer has a more worthy candidate. **Rating 3 (out of 10)**

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25. SWING BILL (Trainer, David Pipe) Likeable grey has run well over the fences before, but that has been in the Becher and never really looked like getting home in the vanguard. A bit hit-and-miss this term and others are preferred. **Rating 2 (out of 10)**

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27. CHICAGO GREY (Trainer, Gordon Elliott) In good hands with bang-in-form National-winning trainer, he showed ready stamina in the four-miler at Cheltenham in 2011 and had no luck in last year's race when brought down. Brought through carefully this season, the 10-year-old showed he was coming to the boil by winning the Red Mills at Navan and ranks as a leading contender. **Rating 10 (out of 10)**

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28. QUISCOVER FONTAINE Trainer, W P Mullins) A hint of confidence can be taken by his excellent effort on a rare attempt at such a trip in the 2011 Irish National but fell last year and a victory would be one of the finer achievements of a trainer who is admittedly capable of pulling off miracles. **Rating 3 (out of 10)**

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29. RARE BOB (Trainer, D T Hughes) The subject of market support after really catching the eye on his latest outing in the Leinster National. Now on his third attempt at the National and while he had no chance when brought down last year, he made mistakes on his previous visit and does throw in more than his fair share of weak efforts. **Rating 4 (out of 10)**

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36. NINETIETH MINUTE (Trainer, T J Taaffe) A little optimism in his most recent outing at Down Royal but not the most polished jumper and has won just once over fences in his entire career. **Rating 1 (out of 10)**

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37. AURORAS ENCORE (Trainer, Sue Smith) Ran a fine second in last year's Scottish National but has shown nothing approaching that form since. **Rating 1 (out of 10)**

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38. TARQUINIUS (Trainer, Gordon Elliott) Quite an experienced grey who has made good progress for his capable young trainer. Just touched off in a superb finish for the Thyestes Chase before running badly at Naas. Must improve from that but could be the biggest lurker at the bottom of the weights. **Rating 7 (out of 10)**

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39. ANY CURRENCY (Trainer, Martin Keighley) Unseated rider over the fences in the Becher and never shone in smart company. Dismissed. **Rating 1 (out of 10)**

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Flood fears over bid for 16 homes

A NEW affordable housing scheme in Witchford would have a "devastating" impact on nearby residents.

That's the message from families in the Barton Close area of the village, who are urging planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council to refuse proposals to develop land at the rear of their homes.

As previously reported, Derby-based property developers UK Construction Ltd and Insideland Ltd have applied for planning permission to build 16 new affordable homes on land off Barton Close, which is 0.38 hectares and described as "overgrown scrubland".

The applicants say the development "offers an opportunity to create an attractive residential development in a sustainable village location" – but residents insist the scheme cannot go ahead.

They say building on the land would put their homes at "major" risk of flooding and that the sewage system at that end of the village would not cope with the properties.

Malcolm Sutton, of Barton Close, said: "Every time it rains hard we get flooded out the front of our houses and where the buildings are going is like a swamp. Sewage in Barton Close has always been a problem and every time we are told the drains are not really big enough – how is it going to be able to cope with 16 extra homes?"

Another Barton Close resident, who did not want to be named, said: "There are numerous concerns but the main one is flooding. Our gardens are constantly being flooded in periods of heavy rain and this development would make it worse.

"We're always being told that the sewage system is struggling to cope so how on earth would it cope with 16 new properties?"

The applicants say the development is "modest" in size and that it would fit in "well" with surrounding dwellings.

The decision lies with the district council. Visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk* to have your say.

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CHARITY JOY: Pos+ability has been donated almost £500 by the *Cambridge News*' Press Relief Fund

Donation joy for Ely charity group

A CHARITY which supports people suffering illnesses which affect their co-ordination is almost £500 better off.

Ely-based charity Pos+ability has been presented with £493.94 from the *Cambridge News*' Press Relief fund.

The charitable group is based at Ely's Paradise Sports Centre and supports stroke survivors and those living with Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or muscular dystrophy.

The group will be using the money to buy much-needed exercise equipment, helping clients to further improve their co-ordination.

For more information about the charity, call Deborah Newman on 07565 598193.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorists urged not to use mobiles while driving

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Police caught more than 280 motorists using a mobile phone while driving during an enforcement campaign.

Throughout February officers took part in the 'Think' road safety campaign to target mobile offences.

Pc Stephen Gedny, casualty reduction officer, said: "It never fails to surprise me that there are so many motorists flouting the law. If we are to reduce the number of fatalities and casualties on the county's roads it is vital people comply with the law."

Brown & Co expands online service for farmers

FARM business consultant Brown & Co is expanding its 'single payment scheme' online application service, offering more farmers a quick, low-cost alternative to traditional paper claims.

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Inquest opened into death of Littleport pensioner

A PENSIONER died following complications arising from a stab wound to his abdomen.

Kenneth Phillips, 72, of Millfield, Littleport, died at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on March 6.

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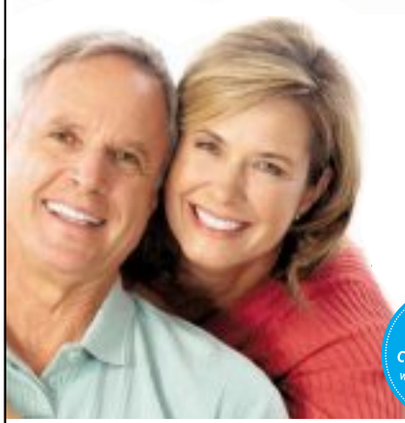

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HIGH NOTE: Saskia Porter-Thaw and Luke Cave were crowned King's Young Musicians of the Year

Musical duo wow the judges

TALENTED woodwind instrumentalists Luke Cave and Saskia Porter-Thaw have been crowned King's Ely's Young Musicians of the Year.

As winners of the intermediate and senior woodwind categories in the school's musical festival, the duo went head to head against the winners from the piano, brass, percussion, organ, string and singing categories in the final round.

Saxophonist Saskia secured the intermediate instrumentalist award with her rendition of Guilhaud's *Concertino No. 1*, while Luke's clarinet solo – *Bennett's Ballad in memory of Shirley Horn* – enchanted the judges, earning him the title of senior instrumentalist and overall winner of the competition.

Pupils Sophie Hudson and Will Oliver won the intermediate and senior singer awards respectively.

Head of King's Ely Sue Freestone said: "Music is the heart that beats at the core of King's Ely.

"It is impressive and humbling to hear the quality of performance that so many of our young people can achieve and to see the confidence with which they deliver those performances."

Saskia won the Walser Cup and Luke was awarded the prestigious Walser Trophy.

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Take more care, developer urged

A MAJOR property developer is being urged to be "more health and safety aware" by worried residents in Soham.

National building firm Hopkins Homes is building a 96-home development on former allotment land north-west of Regal Drive, off Fordham Road.

East Cambridgeshire District Council gave the scheme the green light last summer despite concerns from locals about recycling and refuse collection, open spaces and roads, and the impact the development would have on traffic issues in Fordham Road.

Work on the site has begun but residents are demanding action over the amount of mud being left on Fordham Road by the developers.

Resident Elizabeth Johnston also says she has witnessed two near-accidents involving drivers entering and leaving the site.

Speaking on the community website ShapeYourPlace she said: "The mud left on Fordham Road is unacceptable and can cause accidents. It is not being cleaned by the developers.

"More seriously, I have been witness to two near and quite shocking accidents. The first was when a van coming from the site nearly knocked a teenage boy off his bike.

"The second was when a large truck didn't have enough turning room out of the site onto Fordham Road. It mounted the path on the opposite side of the road and came face to face with a woman and her two children in a pram.

"There are several road calming elements at the site exit point which are not helping. God knows what will happen if this is not sorted out.

"The highways department and planners should have known and highlighted these problems before the site was even accepted for development, or ever allowing it to proceed.

"Hopkins Homes should take their lead from Sindalls who have the new Shade primary school site. The difference between the two developers and how they conduct their developments is worlds apart."

Mick Sparkes, of nearby Downfields, is also worried. He said: "Hopkins Homes needs to become more health and safety aware.

"The amount of mud its workers are trailing along Fordham Road and failing to clean up is not on and is going to cause a serious accident.

"They either need to start being more considerate or the council or police need to take action."

The *Weekly News* contacted Hopkins Homes but the company did not wish to comment on the issues.

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MUSEUM TALK: 'Burrows: Family and Business' is the title of the Friends of Ely Museum's talk tonight (Thursday). Annabel Reddick, owner of Ely's Burrows Bookshop, is hosting the talk at the museum's Vernon Cross Room at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome.
GET CRAFTY: children are invited to unleash their creative streak at Ely Museum today (Thursday) and next Thursday (April 11). The museum is holding Easter themed arts and crafts activities on both days. Tickets are £2.50 and available by calling (01353) 666655.
DE-CLUTTER: car boot sales are being held at Ely City Football Club every Sunday, weather permitting. Gates open at 7am, pitches are £4 and entry is 20p per person. Call John on (01353) 862846.
KNITTING FUN: Ely City Women's Institute next meets on Monday, April 8. Members will be shown how to do knitting with wire and the competition will be for a homemade bead necklace. The branch meets at the Old Dispensary in St Mary's Street at 7.30pm. Call Yvonne on (01353) 663787.
CHARITY FUNDS: a concert at St Peter's Church in Ely was held on March 2 and raised around £50 for the charity, Empath UK.
STRIKE: local charity Act4Kidz is inviting families to join them at Strikes in Ely on Saturday. Volunteers and users of the charity will be enjoying games of bowling there from 10-11am. Call Niki on 07880 557795 for more information.
MAYOR TALK: former Ely mayor John Yates will be guest speaker at the Ely Society's talk on Wednesday, April 10. The talk, entitled 'The Role of the City Mayor', is being held at Ely Museum at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 614892 for more information.
NEEDLEWORK: children are being invited to learn how to sew. Sew Much To Do in Ely's High Street Passage is holding half term sewing fun sessions on Tuesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 11. The sessions run from 10am-12pm on both days and cost £15. Call (01353) 664000 for more information.
QUIZ TIME: a quiz is being held at St Mary's Church in Ely on Sunday, April 7 to raise money for the Potter's Village Mission Project. It starts at 7pm. On Wednesday, April 10 there will then be a Mothers' Union overseas day. Call (01353) 659550 for more information.
WOMEN'S RIGHTS: 'Votes for Women: the struggle for suffrage in Cambridge' is the title of the Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely on Friday, April 5. Sue Slack will be hosting the talk at Ely Library from 10.30am-12pm. Non-members are welcome.

School has just £1k to go!

A SCHOOL in Ely has launched a fundraising campaign to buy a specially-adapted minibus for its pupils.

Highfield School, in Downham Road, caters for children with special and additional needs, and is desperate for a new school minibus.

In January the school launched a campaign to raise the money needed to buy the new minibus, and a total of £1,087 has now been raised.

The school is just £1,000 away from its target and is urging members of the public to help.

A spokeswoman for the school said: "Students at Highfield take many trips in and around Ely for educational visits and sporting activities and we need a new minibus to do that.

"On March 23, the Highfield Friends and Parents Association held an Easter egg bingo and, despite the snowy weather, lots of people came for a fun evening to raise money and win chocolate!

"£462.30 was raised and we would like to thank everyone who came along to support us.

"The fundraising campaign has raised £1087.25 since its beginning in January.

"We have created a target board for display in the school foyer showing a bright yellow bus with empty windows.

"Students have drawn pictures of children and for every £500 raised, one child will 'hop on the bus'.

"If there is anyone out there who would like to support our campaign they can donate by visiting *www.btplc.com/mydonate*. Any donation would be gratefully received."

FUNDRAISER: Highfield pupils with head Simon Bainbridge

HADDENHAM

NATURE LOVERS: 'Mosses, Lichens and Orchards' is the title of the next Haddenham Conservation Society talk. Agneta Burton will be hosting the talk at the village Arkenstall Centre on Tuesday, April 9. It starts at 8pm and will be preceded by a short AGM. Non-members are welcome.
HYMN TIME: sing to your heart's content at Haddenham Methodist Church on Monday, April 8. A 'hymns from the heart' session is being held there at 7pm.
DIARY DATE: Haddenham Parish Council's next meeting is being held on Wednesday, April 10. It takes place at the Arkenstall Centre and starts at 7.30pm.

LITTLEPORT

NEEDLEWORK: Jane Hipkin will be guest speaker at Littleport Women's Institute's next meeting on Thursday, April 11. She will be talking about her time at the Royal School of Needlework. The branch meets at the Anchor Court community rooms at 7.30pm.
GUNDOG DISPLAYS: The East Anglian Gundog Show is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre this weekend. The show will be held outdoors on both Saturday and Sunday (April 6 and 7). Call (01353) 860600 for more information.
NEW OWNER: Sigma Embroidery in Main Street has a new owner. The business is staying the same but Kim Oakhill took over the business from Susan Shipp on Monday.
MAN TIME: St George's Church's next men's breakfast club meeting is being held in the parish room on Saturday, April 6 at 9am.
COFFEE CUPS: St John's Methodist Church is hosting its monthly coffee morning on Saturday, April 6 in the schoolroom from 9-11am.

PRICKWILLOW

HIAM FUN: put your line dancing skills to the test at the Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday (April 6). Tony Rouse and The Record Machine are holding a country line dance there. On Sunday (April 7) there will also be a tea dance with music by David Last running from 2-5pm. Call (01353) 688269.
FIRST RESPONSE: David Clarke will be guest speaker at Prickwillow Women's Institute's next meeting on Monday, April 8. He will be talking about his work as a first responder. The branch meets at the village hall at 7.15pm.

SOHAM

SCRABBLE TIME: Soham Scrabble Club next meets on Thursday, April 11. The club meets at Soham Library on alternate Thursdays from 2.30-4pm. Call 07827 966475 for more information.
EYES DOWN: Soham's Royal British Legion branch is holding its annual Easter bingo and prize draw night on Friday (April 5). The event takes place at the Comrades Club. Doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7.45pm.
CHURCH DANCE: a tea dance is being held at Berrycroft on Saturday, April 6. It is running from 2-4.30pm and admission is £2.50, which includes refreshments.

SUTTON

GARDEN CLUB: Maureen Rose will be guest speaker at Sutton Garden Club's talk on Wednesday, April 10. She will be showing members how to plant up a summer container. The talk takes place at the Brooklands Centre at 7.45pm and non-members are welcome.

WENTWORTH

STARRY SKIES: Wentworth Observatory is now open every clear Wednesday evening. Witchford Astronomers are inviting people to go and see the universe for £2. The observatory opens at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 661734 for more information.

WICKEN

EASTER FUN: remember there's a whole host of activities being held at Wicken Fen during the Easter break. There are pond dipping, arts and crafts, den building and wildlife detective activities, all designed to keep the youngsters entertained. Call (01353) 720274.

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iPads donated to children's cancer ward thanks to Ely teacher's work

SICK children at Addenbrooke's Hospital now have four new iPads to play on.

The iPads have been purchased for the hospital's children's cancer ward by the Malcolm Whales Foundation.

The charity was set up by Damien Whales, a teacher at Ely College, four years ago to support children battling cancer and other causes.

The main focus of the charity is to encourage children to take part in sponsored walks to support children less fortunate than them.

Mr Whales and some Ely College students who had taken part in the walks presented the iPads to staff and children on the ward.

He said: "The ward were very appreciative and the students and staff were very emotional following the visit.

"It was a chance for them to see where the money they had raised was going."

DONATION: Damien Whales and students from Ely College present iPads to the children's cancer ward at Addenbrooke's

Mr Whales now hopes to strengthen the relationship between Addenbrooke's and the school and plans to launch an art-based project to help the hospital this summer.

The charity is holding a sponsored walk in July and is looking for sponsorship.

For more information, email *dwhales@elycollege.co.uk*.

Bugsy Malone proves to be the perfect play for King's Ely Junior students

THERE were cheers all round when pupils from King's Ely Junior School staged their latest production - *Bugsy Malone: The Musical*.

A total of 64 young actors and 23 pupils-turned-stage technicians, make-up artists and cream pie fillers starred in the production at the Hayward Theatre.

Freddy Flack played the main character of Bugsy Malone, a boxing promoter who helps one of the gangs in the hope of making some money to make his dreams come true.

Zoe Whelan played the role of Blousey Brown, Bugsy's love interest; Rico Fargnoli played Fat Sam, the leader of one of the gangs; and Gloria Kasket and Olivia Rosenberg played Tallulah, the lead singer at Fat Sam's night club.

Head of King's Ely Junior Richard Whymark said: "All of the performances were wonderful events and super platforms for our students to display their emerging talents on. Congratulations to the cast for their courage on stage."

THESPIANS: actors in *Bugsy Malone: The Musical*

Groups urged to bid for millions of pounds worth of available funding

VOLUNTARY and community groups in East Cambridgeshire are being urged to take advantage of millions of pounds of available funding.

A group of 24 organisations met at The Maltings in Ely for a 'Funding the East' event.

More than 130 charity representatives from across the region attended and heard how they could get their hands on some of the £80 million available.

Among the organisations offering the cash are WREN, Children in Need, the Big Lottery Fund, Comic Relief, Arts Council England and Foundation East.

A spokeswoman for Funding East said: "Funding is available for organisations and projects that make a real difference to our communities and the lives of local people.

"The funders are of various sizes, with some operating on a national basis whilst others target specific counties or geographic areas.

"Awards ranging from just a few hundred pounds to hundreds of thousands of pounds are available to support groups, organisations and individuals that meet local need, provide new experiences and change lives."

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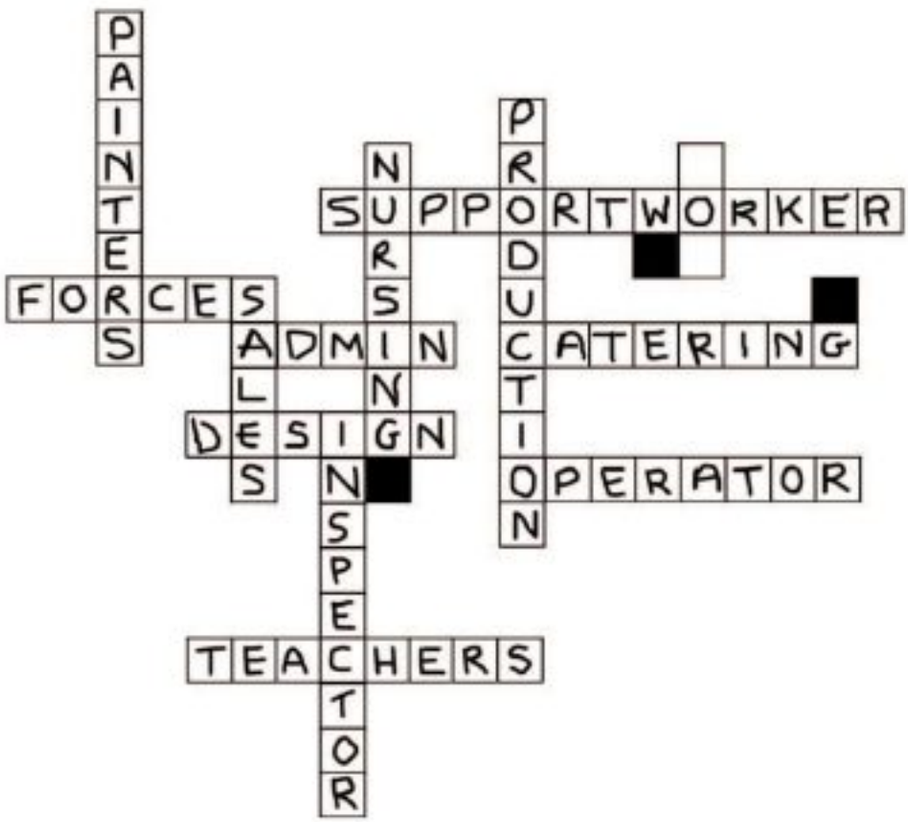

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KNIGHT OUT: Pupils at Rackham Primary School had a blast staging a production of *What a Knight*

What a Knight... what a laugh

THERE were laughs all round at Rackham Primary School in Witchford.

Pupils staged a production of *What a Knight*, which saw them donning medieval costumes and cracking jokes galore.

The play was performed to staff, parents and friends.

Suzanne Carter, head at Rackham, said: "The children had such a great time.

"The play was set in the medieval time and was extremely funny. There were jokes throughout and it went down really well with the audience.

"About 40 pupils in Years 3-6 starred in the play plus there was a choir of around 30 pupils.

"It involved a lot of the pupils and they loved it."

Special school is rated outstanding

A SCHOOL which caters for boys and young men with additional needs has been hailed as 'outstanding' in all areas by Government inspectors.

The Harbour School in Wilburton's latest Ofsted report has just been produced and inspectors have rated the school as 'outstanding' in all areas – the highest achievement possible.

Head teacher Mary Rayner said: "This is a wonderful achievement for staff and pupils at The Harbour and follows our recent residential inspection which also was graded 'outstanding' in all areas.

"To say I am proud to lead such a wonderful team would be an understatement. I enjoy every day having the opportunity to work alongside such amazing young people."

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The Harbour is a residential special school for boys aged 5-17 who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Inspectors said Mrs Rayner's "passionate commitment to providing the best opportunities for all pupils" had led to dramatic improvements at the school.

They highlighted the quality of teaching, the behaviour of pupils and the contribution made by the governing body. They also said that staff were "first-class role models" for pupils, making sure a strong moral code was at the heart of everything they do.

They said: "The head teacher's continual pursuit of excellence has paid dividends and everyone acknowledges how much things have improved.

"Her hard work, and that of the dedicated staff, has created an environment where pupils feel very safe and secure, and can flourish."

The quality of teaching was described as "outstanding" and pupils were praised for their "exceptional" behaviour.

The report said: "Pupils behaviour in lessons is exceptional considering their social, emotional and behavioural needs.

"Very well thought out strategies for managing difficult behaviour mean that pupils feel safe and lessons can continue uninterrupted."

Inspectors found only one minor area for improvement – to review the way teachers mark pupils' work.

Share your memories of Ely's PoW camps

A HERITAGE project has launched a fresh plea for people who remember Ely's two Second World War prisoner of war (PoW) camps to come forward and share their memories.

The Rich Soil Rich Heritage project says it has heard from some local people but believes there are more who will remember the German and Italian prisoners who lived and worked locally during and immediately after the Second World War.

Hetti Wood, the project's volunteer co-ordinator, said: "Rich Soil Rich Heritage is a community history project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"Local volunteers have been trained to conduct oral history interviews to ensure that memories from this period in our district's history are captured and preserved for future generations.

"We would like to hear from anyone with memories, information, photos or documents relating to Ely's two PoW camps and their Italian and German prisoners."

The project combines oral history and archive research with drama and film to record the history of the many different nationalities who have come to East Cambridgeshire for work.

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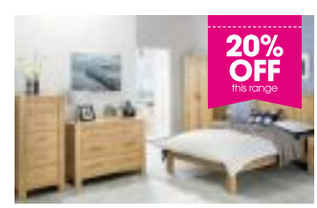

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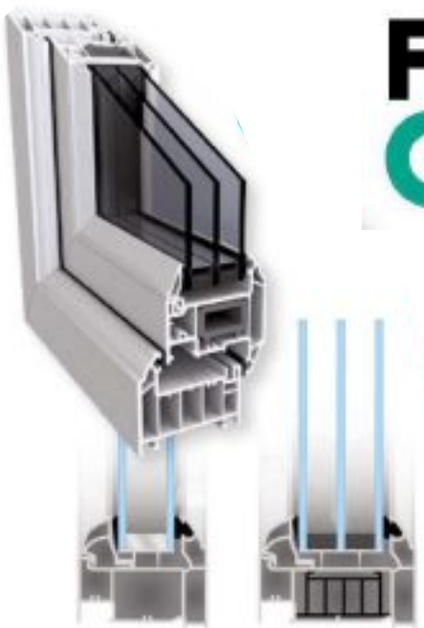

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the GUIDE

Jubilee dreams

JUBILATION: Nichola McAuliffe and, inset, Julian Glover in *Maurice's Jubilee*

SUCH has been the impact of her play, *Maurice's Jubilee*, that writer – and actor – Nichola McAuliffe must have been pinching herself for fear it would turn out to be a dream.

Happily, it's all true. *Maurice's Jubilee*, having charmed audiences on last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe with its mixture of poignancy and wit, is now embarking on a nationwide tour under the guidance of the mighty Ambassador Theatre Group. We know Nichola best, perhaps, for her role as the formidable Sheila Sabatini – a surgeon with a tongue as sharp as her scalpel – in the long-running comedy *Surgical Spirit*, but she is also a published author and a performed playwright several times over.

As the title suggests, the play takes place during the Jubilee Year of 2012 and the eponymous Maurice (Julian Glover), an octogenarian jeweller now in retirement, has long had a special relationship with the central figure in the celebrations, much to the dismay of Helena, his wife of many years. The play is beautifully written, funny and sad in equal measure, and given Maurice and Helena's time of life, you would probably assume the play was about the trials and tribulations of being in the twilight of one's days. But Nichola vehemently disagrees.

"It's not remotely about old age," she insists. "It's about how you love somebody for all that time and how your hopes and dreams remain the same. In the arts, in society at large, we are always told that we should think of the Second Act, when people are in their teens and their twenties, as the most dramatic act. But it isn't. People of an age still have dreams and ambitions but they also have knowledge of life – all of which makes them interesting characters to write and people with whom the audience can identify."

■ ***Maurice's Jubilee*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Saturday at 7.45pm. Tickets £15-£27 from (01223) 503333 / *cambridgeartstheatre.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk***

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SINCE her 2007 debut album, *Made of Bricks*, launched to a fanfare of giddy praise in the wake of first single, *Foundations* – which whooshed up the charts to No 2 – Kate Nash has been practically MIA.

At one point the saccharine singer-songwriter was the ultimate girl to go to for whipped up indie-pop full of chattiness and charming lyrics, most of which involved skeletons, birds and pumpkin soup – or all of the above.

She was punchy, sweary and head-to-toe in vintage, the darling of Radio 1, the Brit Awards and the summer festival circuit.

Shame she couldn't back it up with a memorable second album. *My Best Friend Is You* (duly Googled, it still doesn't stir up much of a memory), spiralled quickly into chart oblivion and was only notable for its blandness and truly annoying single *Do-Wah-Doo*.

But now Nash is back and will be gracing the Cambridge Junction's stage, backed by her new all-female band, playing tracks from her third album *Girl Talk*.

Described by NME as "an album that veers between the lush pop melodies of her last two LPs and a full-frontal riot grrrl assault," it's brighter, punkier and louder than anything she's released before.

A return to form or has she just decided to grow up a bit and throw it all into her music? Either way, it'll still be ace for a dance.

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film of the week

THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (U, 105 MINS)

THE Odd Life Of Timothy Green is a heartfelt and occasionally cloying fable that asks you to buy into its fantastical premise without any intention of tethering the underlying themes of parenthood and selflessness to reality.

Writer-director Peter Hedges has an impressive track record for intimate ensemble pieces, including *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, *Pieces Of April* and *Dan In Real Life*.

His latest film might not soar to those giddy heights but it is still life-affirming and moving, wringing copious tears courtesy of a stellar performance from young actor CJ Adams in the title role.

As long as you accept Hedges's version of events, his film possesses undeniable sweetness and charm.

Once you probe the kinks in the script, such as how a boy can grow from the earth or why an entire close-knit town readily accepts this magical child, the spell is quickly broken.

Jim Green (Joel Edgerton) and his wife Cindy (Jennifer Garner) live in the North Carolina town of Stanleyville, which is proudly known as the pencil capital of the world.

Alas, pencils are out of fashion and the town is teetering on the brink of financial ruin, which could see factory worker Jim out of work in the very near future.

More than anything, Jim and Cindy want a child but they are unable to conceive. So one night, they decide to write down the characteristics of their perfect child and then bury the box containing these pieces of paper in their back garden.

A freak thunder storm leads to the blossoming of a boy called Timothy (CJ Adams), who has plant leaves growing out of his legs.

They happily introduce the boy to their dysfunctional family, which includes Jim's domineering father Big Jim (David Morse) and Cindy's sister Brenda (Rosemarie DeWitt).

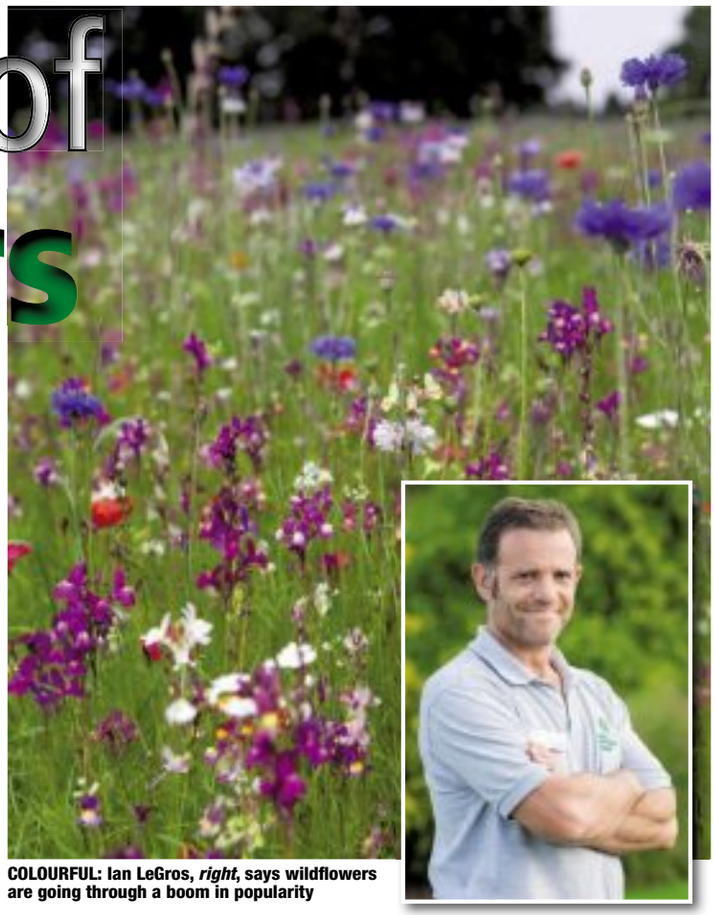
Timothy is a loving, caring innocent who touches the hearts of everyone he meets, even Cindy's self-obsessed boss, Bernice (Dianne Wiest). He is especially drawn to a girl called Joni (Odeya Rush), who possesses an infectious lust for life.

Their tender friendship plays out as Jim and Cindy learn more about Timothy and the reason he has taken root in their humdrum lives.

Anchored by Adams's unforced and emotionally genuine performance, *The Odd Life Of Timothy Green* is a rarity – a family film that should appeal to almost every age group.

Characters are well drawn and colourfully embodied by the strong supporting cast, including Edgerton and Garner as parents who think their dreams have been answered with a miracle.

The wonder of wildflowers



COLOURFUL: Ian LeGros, *right*, says wildflowers are going through a boom in popularity

WILDFLOWERS are back in fashion, according to reports on their sales.

In the past year, sales of UK wildflower seeds have increased by 60%, thanks partly to renewed interest fuelled by the stunning wildflower meadows at the Olympic Park in 2012.

The combined elements of eye-catching visual impact, ecological awareness and wildlife value have fuelled sales of wildflower seeds among many of the main seed companies, including Thompson & Morgan, Suttons and Mr Fothergill's.

With this in mind, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is playing its part during National Gardening Week (April 15-21) as its gardens across the country host talks, demonstrations and events to get gardeners growing wildflowers.

Young gardeners will be encouraged to get their hands dirty and learn how to sow their own mini-wildflower meadow, perfect for attracting birds, bugs and

by Hannah Stephenson

creepy crawlies of all types.

More experienced gardeners can find out how to support the wildlife in their gardens through a range of talks and interactive workshops on beekeeping, managing meadows and more.

Ian LeGros, curator at RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex, explains: "Wildflowers are currently going through a massive boom in popularity and are set to be one of the big trends for amateur gardening in 2013.

"They are easy to plant and maintain, provide much needed habitats for wildlife and are valuable sources of nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators."

He offers the following tips to those who want to follow the wildflower fashion:

- Choose seed carefully. Wildflowers are easy to grow but, like all plants, need the right conditions if they are to thrive.
- Poor soil? Look to perennials. If you have poor soil perennial wildflowers will do very well as there will be fewer grasses for them to compete with.
- Go mad with colour. If you have well-cultivated soil, annuals such as cornflowers, corn poppies, corn marigolds and corncockles will do well.
- Time of sowing a meadow is important. An annual seed mix containing cornflowers and poppies will do better if sown in the autumn, while corn marigolds prefer a spring sowing.

Visit *www.nationalgardeningweek.org.uk*.

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crossword

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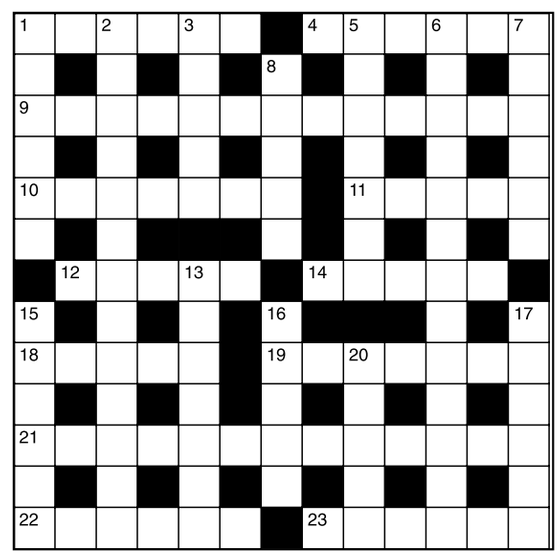
1. Subtle commotion (6)
4. Fights for bits left over (6)
9. Team leader temporarily on stage? (6,7)
10. Undo car, calling a spade a spade (7)
11. Tight for time? (5)
12. Wear out obscenity producing weapon (5)
14. Stupid content of one letter? (5)
18. Cause to stand in group endurance test (5)
19. Storm even more at violent offence (7)
21. Big letters stop movement in principal cities (5,8)
22. More than 500 in a circle on horseback (6)
23. Went by air, as the carpenter did? (6)

DOWN

1. Local office in suburb ran charity (6)
2. Surpass the previous best with the latest release? (3,1,3,6)
3. Learner making attempt at foreign language? (5)
5. Winch beats Brown (7)
6. A profit doubled repeatedly (5,3,5)
7. Hot vocalist (6)
8. Make twenty runs, perhaps (5)
13. Indian relations of Communist (7)
15. Elastic series of games (6)
16. She is now back with mother inside (5)
17. Poetically skilled? (6)
20. Hearing adversity? (5)



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Last week's answer:

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6	1	4	2	5	7	9	3	8
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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. 12.00pm BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 Pointless Celebrities. 5.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

6.15 **Doctor Who.**

7.00 **The Voice UK.** Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host the second round of the all-singing, chair-spinning talent contest.

8.30 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

9.20 **Casualty.** Two schoolgirls are injured during a science exam.

10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.

10.30 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Reading v Southampton; National Lottery Update.

11.30 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.55am **FILM: Deadline (2009).** Horror, starring Brittany Murphy.

2.15 **Weatherview.**

2.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.40 FILM: Irene (1940). Musical comedy, starring Anna Neagle. **8.05 FILM: Odette (1950).** Fact-based Second World War drama, with Anna Neagle. **10.00 A History of Britain by Simon Schama. 11.00 Climbing Great Buildings. 11.30 Map Man. 12.05pm Country Show Cook Off. 2.35 Mastermind. 3.35 University Challenge. 4.05 Flog It! 5.05 The Great British Sewing Bee.**

6.05 **FILM: Carry On Again, Doctor (1969).** Comedy, starring Sid James.

7.30 **The Many Faces of Sid James.** Profile of the comic actor who is best known as the star of many Carry On films, tracing his career from his early days on Hancock's Half Hour to his 1970s sitcom Bless This House.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon is picked to appear in an army training film.

9.00 **QI XL.** With Sandi Toksvig, Clive Anderson and Henning Wehn.

9.45 **FILM: Coriolanus (2011).** Premiere. Shakespearean drama, directed by and starring Ralph Fiennes, with Gerard Butler.

11.40 **FILM: Shout at the Devil (1976).** Action adventure, starring Lee Marvin.

1.50am **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. 11.25 Dinner Date. 12.25pm Countrywise. 12.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **12.50 FILM: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **2.25 FILM: Escape to Victory (1981).** Adventure, starring Michael Caine. **4.30 The Chase. 5.30 ITV News Anglia;** Weather. **5.45 ITV News and Weather.**

6.00 **You've Been Framed Rides Again!**

7.00 **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** The Geordie duo battle it out one final time in Ant v Dec: Into the Unknown and the cast of Jersey Boys perform. Jonathan Ross is in the voiceover booth. Last in the series.

8.20 **The Cube.** A former Butlins Redcoat and an estate agent take part.

9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Ben Kingsley, Audrey Tautou and Carl Froch.

10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

10.35 **FILM: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007).** Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Kevin James.

12.40am **Jackpot247.**

3.00 **Ladette to Lady: Australia.**

3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 6.35 Freesports on 4. 7.05 British GT. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.25 Frasier. 9.30 The Morning Line. 10.30 Saturday Brunch. 1.00pm The Grand National. The 166th staging of the 4.15 John Smith's Grand National Steeple Chase (4m 4f). **5.10 Five Minutes to a Fortune.**

6.10 **Channel 4 News.**

6.35 **Stephen Fry: Best of Gadget Man.**

7.00 **Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses.** Homeowners in Maidstone, Kent, look around one another's properties for improvement ideas and then spruce up their own on a £1,000 budget, hoping to attract buyers.

8.00 **Walking Through History.** Tony Robinson explores Dorset's Jurassic coast.

9.00 **FILM: Taken (2008).** Thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace.

10.50 **Derren Brown: Miracles for Sale.** The showman investigates faith healing in America.

12.25am **The Grand National Highlights.**

1.15 **FILM: Ju-On: The Grudge 2 (2003).** Horror sequel, starring Noriko Sakai.

2.55 **Hollyoaks.**

5.05 **Deal or No Deal.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.15 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.50 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.15 How Do They Do It? 11.50 FILM: Guns of the Magnificent Seven (1969). Western sequel, with George Kennedy. **1.55pm FILM: David Copperfield (2000).** Drama, starring Hugh Dancy. **5.35 5 News Weekend. 5.40 FILM: Raid on Rommel (1971).** Adventure, starring Richard Burton.

7.25 **CSI: NY.** An unpopular woman is found dead under an ice sculpture.

8.10 **5 News Weekend.**

8.15 **NCIS.** The team flies to Israel, but receives a hostile reception from Ziva's father, who is the head of Mossad – and Gibbs is forced to make a tough decision.

10.10 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** A serial killer targets the children of immigrants.

11.05 **Law & Order: Criminal Intent.** Stevens thinks an innocent man may have been sent to the electric chair.

12.05am **SuperCasino.**

4.00 **Nick's Quest.**

4.50 **County Secrets.**

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The Jonathan Ross Show, Saturday, ITV, 9.20pm

Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Saturday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

The Village, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Nick Hewer: Countdown to Freetown, Sunday, Channel 4, 7pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.55 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Flog It! 12.00pm BBC News; Weather. **12.10 Points of View. 12.25 Countryfile. 1.20 Bargain Hunt. 2.20 Homes Under the Hammer. 3.20 Walk on the Wild Side – Best in Show. 3.50 Fake Britain. 4.20 Escape to the Country. 5.20 Songs of Praise.**

6.05 **Deadly 60 on a Mission.**

6.35 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker visits the Grand Union Canal in Northamptonshire.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Cheltenham Town Hall.

9.00 **The Village.** John's heavy drinking leads to a shocking revelation.

10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Including action from Tottenham Hotspur v Everton.

11.45 **Football League Trophy Highlights.** Southend United v Crewe Alexandra.

12.25am **The Sky at Night.**

12.45 **FILM: Evening (2007).** Romantic drama, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Claire Danes.

2.35 **Weatherview.**

2.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.30 FILM: Hell Drivers (1957). 8.15 Gardeners' World. 8.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening. 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Bread. 12.00pm EastEnders. 1.55 Triathlon. 3.30 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. 4.30 Secrets of Our Living Planet. 5.30 Coast.

6.30 **Donald Campbell: Speed King.**

7.30 **Live MotoGP.** Matt Roberts presents coverage of the Qatar Grand Prix at the Losail International Circuit in Doha (Start-time 8.00pm).

9.00 **Toughest Place to Be a Fisherman – The Return.** Andy Giles revisits the Sierra Leone village he worked in 18 months ago.

10.00 **Mock the Week Looks Back at Science and Technology.** Another themed selection from the show's archives.

10.30 **It's Kevin.** Comedian Kevin Eldon takes a trip backstage with trusty studio caretaker Bob.

11.00 **FILM: Dead Poets Society (1989).** Drama, starring Robin Williams.

1.00am **Sign Zone: A Very British Wedding.**

2.00 **Sign Zone: Holby City.**

3.00 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.35 FILM: Columbo: Swan Song (1974). 1.35pm I Love You've Been Framed! 2.35 Doc Martin. 3.35 Food Glorious Food. 4.35 FILM: The Scorpion King (2002).**

6.15 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**

6.45 **Catchphrase.**

7.30 **Off Their Rockers.** New series. Senior citizens play pranks on the public.

8.00 **Foyle's War.** The detective is drawn into the strange murder of a former high-ranking Nazi who had been hired by MI5 due to his expert knowledge of Soviet intelligence. Last in the series.

10.00 **Perspectives: Portillo on Picasso.** Michael Portillo explores the life and work of Pablo Picasso.

11.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

11.15 **Who Killed My Dad? – The Death of Terry Lloyd.** The war reporter's daughter returns to the scene of his death in Iraq.

12.25am **The Store.**

2.30 **Monk.**

3.10 **ITV Nightscreen.**

5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00am The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 FIA GT1. 7.30 Triathlon. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.00pm The Big Bang Theory. 12.55 The Simpsons. 1.55 FILM: A Knight's Tale (2001). Comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. **4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.30 The Real King's Speech.**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Nick Hewer: Countdown to Freetown.** The Countdown host embarks on a mission to tow an industrial saw and generator 5,000 miles to the capital of Sierra Leone, where he will present his gift to a young carpenter.

8.00 **The Secret Millions.** Dave Fishwick opens a job centre for young people.

9.00 **FILM: The King's Speech (2010).** Premiere. The son of George V seeks the help of an eccentric Australian speech therapist as he rises suddenly to the throne. Fact-based drama, with Colin Firth.

11.20 **FILM: Nine to Five (1980).** Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda.

1.20am **FILM: Sherrybaby (2006).** Drama, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal.

3.00 **Southland.**

3.40 **St Elsewhere.**

4.30 **Come Dine with Me.**

5.25 **Deal or No Deal.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.00 Cowboy Builders. 12.00pm FILM: Pooh's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin (1997). Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **1.30 FILM: Adventures in Babysitting (1987).** Comedy adventure, starring Elisabeth Shue. **3.20 FILM: Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure (2009).** Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **4.55 5 News Weekend. 5.00 FILM: Practical Magic (1998).** Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock.

6.50 **FILM: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005).** Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock.

9.00 **Once Upon a Time.** New series. The fantasy drama returns. The people of Storybrooke remember their past lives.

10.00 **Person of Interest.**

10.55 **FILM: Bulletproof (1996).** Action comedy, starring Adam Sandler.

12.35am **Campus PD.**

1.05 **SuperCasino.**

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NEW

Soham **£279,950**

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NEW

Little Thetford **£235,000**

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Aldreth **£279,950**

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NEW

Littleport **£175,000**

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Littleport **£185,000**

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Stretham **£279,950**

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NEW PRICE

Stretham **£425,000**

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Littleport **£225,000**

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Soham **£325,000**

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Haddenham **£185,000**

An immaculately presented semi detached bungalow comprising entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms and superb bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. EPR D.

Soham **£325,000**

A highly individual residence forming part of a mill conversion backing onto a watercourse with superb views & substantial accommodation including 4 bedrooms, terrace style garden, driveway, double garage. EPR TBC.

Haddenham

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Stretham **£146,950**

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Sutton **£119,950**

A modern terrace home comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with gas central heating, double glazing and gardens. EPR C.

Witchford **£210,000**

Modern detached home offering versatile accommodation. Hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloakorom, bedroom 4/family room, 3 first floor bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens, parking for 3 cars. EPR D.

Sutton **£139,950**

A superbly presented, deceptively spacious semi detached home in the heart of the village. Hall, lounge, refitted kitchen/dining room, gf bathroom, 2 bedrooms, 2 courtyard areas, parking, garage. EPR D.

Ely **£205,000**

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Sutton **£99,950**

Situated in a convenient central village location, this spacious apartment comprises entrance hall, inner hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom & allocated parking space. EPR D.

Chettisham **£339,950**

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QUEEN ADELAIDE

A brand new detached family home situated just half a mile from Ely City.

5 bedrooms, en suite, dressing room, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/beakfast room, utility room, electric heating, double glazed windows, garden and off road parking. EPC rating: B

£335,000

MEPAL

An individually designed four bedroom detached family home offering spacious accommodation and situated on a good size plot with excellent level of privacy.

4 bedrooms, shower room, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, double glazing, double garage and good size garden. EPC rating: E

£244,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A beautifully presented semi detached family home situated in a highly regarded development, just a short walk from the village centre.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, gas central heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden. EPC rating: C

£209,950

WICKEN

A sympathetically renovated cottage backing onto farmland.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, double glazing and courtyard garden. EPC rating: C

£199,950

TuckerGardner

SOHAM

A beautifully presented four bedroom town house with easily maintained gardens.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/dining room, gas central heating, garden, garage and parking. EPC rating: B

£199,950

NEW

ELY

A 'Norbury' style town house with spacious accommodation situated on the popular 'Cathedral View' development in the City of Ely.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, gas central heating, garden, garage and parking. EPC rating: C

£199,950

NEW

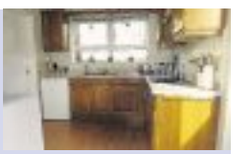
WITCHFORD

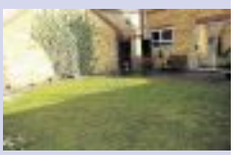
A spacious 'Scandinavian' style semi-detached house situated in this popular north Cambridgeshire village.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, kitchen, dining room, living room, garage, parking and garden. EPC rating: C

£194,950

NEW





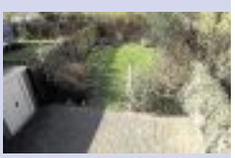
LITTLE THETFORD

A well maintained detached home enjoying a popular location in the centre of the village.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, oil central heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden. EPC rating: D

£179,950

NEW PRICE



SOHAM

A well presented detached home positioned in a highly sought after residential location.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden. EPC rating: D

£174,950

TuckerGardner

NEW

ELY

A ground floor apartment in a popular central city location within walking distance of local amenities and the Riverside of Ely.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette/living room, electric radiator heating, double glazing and an allocated parking space. EPC rating: F

£152,950

NEW

WITCHAM

A recently refurbished two bedroom semi detached house in a quiet village location.

2 double bedrooms, modern bathroom, cloakroom, reception hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, double glazing, rear garden, off-road parking. EPC rating: D

£139,950

NEW

SOHAM

A two bedroom end terrace home situated on an established development.

2 bedrooms, family bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, double glazing, garage, off-road parking, rear garden. EPC rating: D

£132,950

WITCHFORD

An individual architect designed family home offering substantial accommodation situated on a large plot with fantastic views over countryside.

6 bedrooms, 5 en suites, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 reception rooms, triple garage, cart lodge, swimming pool, garden with views over countryside. EPC rating: C

£850,000

NEW PRICE

WITCHAM

A modern detached family home offering good size accommodation on an excellent plot and situated next to the village green.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, study, garage, off road parking and garden. No upward chain. EPC rating: C

£265,000

NEW

SOHAM

A spacious two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a sought after cul-de-sac in this popular village.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen, living/dining room, garage, off-street parking. No upward chain. EPC rating: D

£142,500

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A fantastic, refurbished semi-detached home positioned on the outskirts of this north Cambridgeshire village.

2 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, open-plan kitchen/living/dining room, utility area, double glazing, gas central heating, driveway parking and garden. EPC rating: D

£134,950

WITCHFORD

A charming two bedroom mid terraced home situated on the outskirts of the village.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, double glazed windows, gas central heating and courtyard garden EPC rating: D

£129,950

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ELY

A well presented three bedroom terraced house in a ideal location for the City of Ely Community College and City Centre.

Lounge, dining room, kitchen and cloakroom. Master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and en suite shower room, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Small front garden and enclosed rear garden. Allocated parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating C.

£695 PCM

ELY

A well presented two bedroom semi detached house located in a quiet cul de sac just off Kings Avenue.

Entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. enclosed rear garden with patio and lawn area. Gas central heating. Garage and parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

£650 PCM

ELY

A spacious four bedroom detached property in a great location providing easy access to the A10 and City Centre.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge and kitchen. Master bedroom with en suite and built-in wardrobes, two further double bedrooms and one single bedroom and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Large garage and ample driveway parking. Enclosed rear landscaped garden. Unfurnished. Energy Rating E.

£995 PCM

QUEEN ADELAIDE — £900 PCM

An established detached bungalow set on a good size plot in the village of Queen Adelaide, conveniently located for access to Ely and it's many amenities.

The accommodation comprises: a good size kitchen, 3/4 bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge and conservatory with utility area. Ample off road parking. Neutrally decorated. Oil central heating. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

ELY — £925 PCM

An older style good size detached family home conveniently located for the city centre.

The accommodation comprises: entrance hall, utility room, downstairs shower room, good size kitchen/diner, family room and lounge. Three good size bedrooms. refitted bathroom. Neutrally decorated throughout. Gas central heating. Off-road parking. Good size rear garden. Unfurnished. Energy Rating F.

ELY — £625 PCM

A second floor, two bedroom apartment situated in a modern block just off St Johns Road.

The accommodation comprises: two bedrooms, bathroom, modern kitchen with electric oven, gas hob and extractor and lounge. The apartment is double glazed and has gas central heating. One allocated parking space. Energy Rating C.

ELY — £1,100 PCM

A well presented three bedroom townhouse in a sought after city centre location, within walking distance to the rail station and providing easy access to the A10 and A142.

Kitchen/diner, dining room, cloakroom and lounge. Family bathroom, Master and second bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and en suite and bedroom three with built-in wardrobe. GCH. Enclosed courtyard garden. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished. Energy Rating C.

LITTLEPORT

A pretty Victorian cottage located within a short walk from local amenities and train station.

Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, rear lobby/utility room, two bedrooms and bathroom. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating E.

£525 PCM

ELY

A detached property of excellent quality, situated within one of Ely's premium developments, giving easy access to the riverside, railway station and the City's amenities.

The property comprises: 3 double bedrooms, 2 with en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, cloakroom, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge. Gas central heating. small front garden area and enclosed lawned rear garden. Garage and off road parking. Unfurnished. Energy Rating C.

£1,100 PCM

ELY

A well presented bungalow located within a quiet cul de sac.

The property provides: lounge, kitchen/diner with gas cooker and white goods. Two bedrooms and bathroom. There is an enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway parking. Central heating. Double glazing. Unfurnished. Energy Rating D.

£635 PCM

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ELY — O/A £225,000

NEW

A recently refurbished detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property offers flexible living accommodation and is presented to a very high standard throughout. Viewing is essential to appreciate this property. Ent Lobby, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Ground Floor Guest Suite with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH, D/G, Enclosed Rear Garden, Off Street Parking for 3 Vehicles. EPC - 36(F)

SUTTON — O/A £375,000

A substantial double fronted period style detached residence forming part of an exclusive cul de sac development in this popular village location. EPC - 67(D)

WITCHFORD — O/A £215,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a semi detached house with adjoining one bedroom annexe and outdoor swimming pool in this sought after village location. EPC - 74(C)

WILBURTON — O/A £164,950

NEW PRICE

A well proportioned two bedroom detached bungalow which lies in a desirable non estate position within this sought after village location. EPC - 44(E)

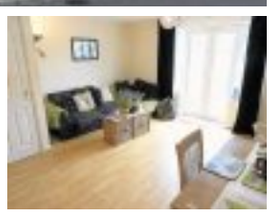
STRETHAM — O/A £199,950

An immaculate, well proportioned, individually designed 3 bedroom detached house which lies in an appealing position within this sought after village. EPC - 76(C)

ELY — O/A £192,500

NEW

An extremely well appointed 3 storey, 3 double bedroom period style townhouse which lies in an enviable position overlooking an amenity green to in this sought after cul de sac development. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Living Room, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, GCH, DG, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage and Parking Space. No Upward Chain. EPC - 81(B)



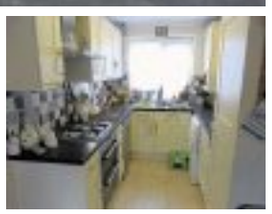
MEPAL — O/A £275,000

NEW

An extremely spacious and well presented 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow overlooking a pleasant green area to the front, situated in a non estate location within this popular village. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Bathroom, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens, Single Detached Garage, Driveway Parking for several vehicles, D/G, GCH. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC -55(D)

SOHAM — O/A £172,500

An immaculately presented, recently built, double fronted, two double bedroom chalet style property which lies at the end of this small desirable cul de sac just off The Butts within this popular well served village/town location. Entrance Hall, Shower Room, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, GCH, DG, Garage and Driveway Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden enjoying South Westerly aspect on to open countryside. EPC - 81(C)



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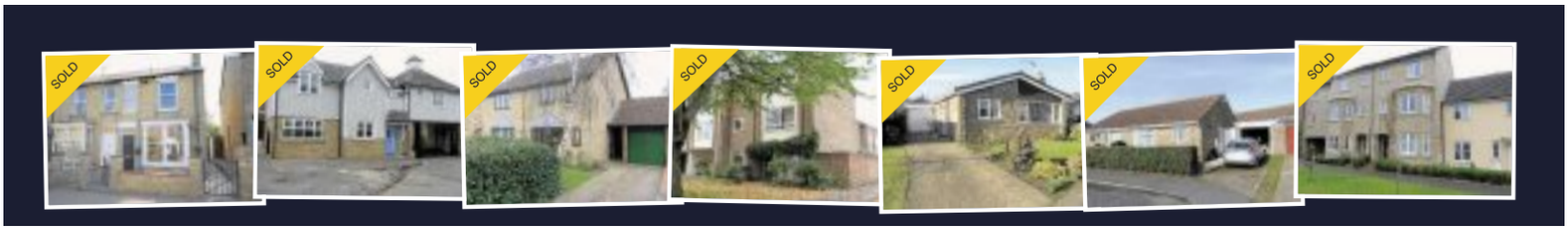

LITTLEPORT — O/A £157,500

A superbly presented 2/3 bedroom detached chalet style property which lies in an appealing position on the edge of the village with far reaching countryside views. Ent Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room with Vaulted Ceiling, Fitted Kitchen with built-in Cooking Appliances, Dining Room, Bedroom 3/Study, Bathroom, En-Suite Wet Room to Master Bedroom, GCH, D/G, Driveway Parking for 2 Vehicles, Enclosed Rear Garden. No Upward Chain EPC - 74(C)

ELY — O/A £149,950

A delightful two bedroom mid terraced Victorian cottage, which lies in a convenient City location literally a few minutes walk from the Cathedral and High Street. Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Refitted Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, GCH, DG, Approximately 25 Rear Garden with Brick Store. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Estimated Rental Value £575 pcm EPC - 64(D)

ELY — £1,250 pcm

An attractive detached double fronted property in a convenient situation around a mile or so from the city centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, D/G, GCH, Double Garage, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking. EPC - 73(C)
Available End of May - Unfurnished

ELY — £625 pcm

A first floor two bedroom apartment with views over the Cathedral. This property is located in a small cul-de-sac approximately 6 minutes walk to Ely High Street. EPC - 35(F) **Available Mid April - Unfurnished**

PRICKWILLOW — £695 pcm

A semi detached house which provides versatile living accomodation and enjoys far reaching views over open farmland to the rear. EPC - 61(E). **Available Immediately - Unfurnished**

ELY — £1,295 pcm

A 3 storey townhouse located in a quiet mews yet only minutes from the picturesque River Ouse, the City Centre, The Kings School and the Railway Station.EPC - 79(C)
Available End of April - Unfurnised

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LITTLEPORT £375,000

NEW

- Individual and impressive detached house
- Non estate location
- Good size lounge
- Well appointed kitchen
- Conservatory
- 4/5 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Mature gardens and double garage

SUTTON £249,950

NEW

- Spacious detached house
- Situated on a good size plot
- Kitchen/b'fast room and utility
- Lounge with fireplace
- Dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Garage and parking

STRETHAM £50,000

NEW

- 50% equity shared ownership
- Terraced house
- 1 bedroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Rear garden
- No onward chain

LITTLEPORT £199,950

- Modern end terraced house
- Immaculately presented
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Fited kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Attached garage
- Energy Rating C

HADDENHAM £320,000

- Non estate family home
- Popular village location
- 4 bedrooms all with en-suites
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge, study and sunroom
- Garage and parking
- Mature rear garden
- No onward chain

ELY £485,000

- Individual and extended detached property
- Non estate location
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- 6/7 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Large rear garden and double garage and parking
- EPC Rating D

HADDENHAM £455,000

- Period detached property
- Popular village location
- Feature fireplaces and beams
- 5 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- 4 reception rooms
- Mature rear garden and parking
- EPC Rating D

SUTTON £365,000

- Newly Built
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- TV Room
- Study
- Split Level Family Home
- High Street Location
- Cloaks/WC
- Modern fitted Kitchen

LITTLEPORT £164,950

- Modern semi detached house
- Improved and updated
- Spacious accommodation
- Open plan kitchen/family/dining room
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- 3 bedrooms
- Garage to the rear
- EPC Rating D

PRICKWILLOW £295,000

- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- Well fitted kitchen with range cooker
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and study
- Dining rom opening into garden room
- Views over fields to rear
- EPC Rating D

ELY £299,950

NEW

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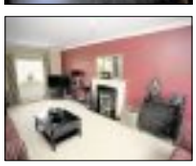

- Detached family home
- Smartly presented
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner and utility
- Lounge
- 4/5 bedrooms
- 2 En-suites and family bathroom
- Landscaped gardens
- Garage to rear

WITCHAM £429,950

NEW PRICE

- Period detached residence
- Considerably improved and updated
- 5 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen breakfast room
- Bathroom and shower room
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage and parking
- EPC Rating D

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- No Upward Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Off Road Parking - EPC Rating 'D'
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Cosmetic Update Required

£139,995

CHATTERIS

- Four Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Larger Than Average Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£143,500

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Energy Efficiency Rating 'D'

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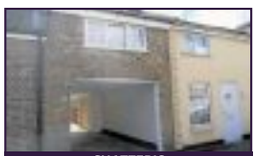
£55,000

CHATTERIS

- Four Bedrooms with En-Suite to Master
- Separate Lounge & Dining Room
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing - EPC Rating 'C'

£165,995



CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'D'
- One Bedroom Freehold Apartment
- Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing

Starting Bid £50,000

CHATTERIS

- Four Double Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'C'
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Separate Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility/Cloakroom

£158,500

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Spacious Conservatory
- Close to Local Amenities

£129,995

CHATTERIS

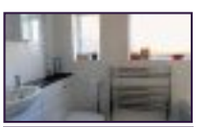
- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Garage & Driveway
- Field Views to Rear
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Refurbished Detached Bungalow

£158,500

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- Spacious Conservatory
- Good Size Garden
- Immaculately Presented
- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'C'

£175,000



CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Good Size Rear Garden

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RAMSEY

- Modern Four Bedroom House
- Integral Garage & Off Road Parking
- Separate Lounge & Dining Room
- EPC Rating 'C'
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Presented to Perfection

£215,000

CHATTERIS

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Beautifully Presented Throughout
- Plus Additional Plot
- EPC Rating 'C'

£124,124

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms - EPC Rating 'D'
- No Upward Chain
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing

£143,995

CHATTERIS

- Five Bedrooms with Two En-Suites
- Double Garage & Off Road Parking
- Good Size Family Accommodation
- EPC Rating 'C'

£233,000

CHATTERIS

- Two Bedrooms
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Refitted Kitchen - EPC Rating 'D'

£139,995

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'D'
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing

£129,995

CHATTERIS

- Two double Bedrooms
- Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
- Modern Kitchen - EPC Rating 'B'
- UPVC Double Glazing

£122,995

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'D'
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Good Size Garden

£155,000

CHATTERIS

- Four Double Bedrooms with En-Suite to Master
- Three Reception Rooms
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Period Features
- EPC Rating 'E'

£236,950

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Conservatory - EPC Rating 'C'
- Good Size Garden

£135,000

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- Extensive Rear Garden - EPC Rating 'C'
- In Need of Modernisation

£139,995

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain - EPC Rating 'D'
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining & Sun Room
- Good Size Rear Garden
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Off Road Parking

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- Furnished
- Deposit £875

Littleport £675
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- Unfurnished
- Deposit £1050

Sutton £675
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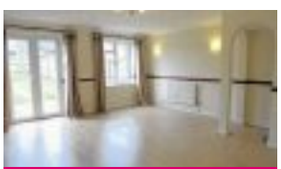

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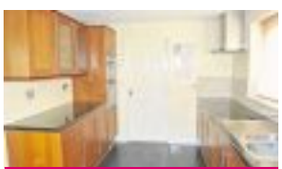

Littleport £750
A spacious 3 bedroom family home located close to the centre of the Town and within 10 minutes walk of the rail station. EPC Rating: D
- Available Now
- Unfurnished
- Deposit £1125

Littleport £800
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- Available Now
- Unfurnished
- Deposit £1125

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Great location
Three bedrooms
Enclosed garden
Conservatory
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£155,000 - £165,000
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Your Homesnow Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Homesnow team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

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1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges** / **Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables** / **documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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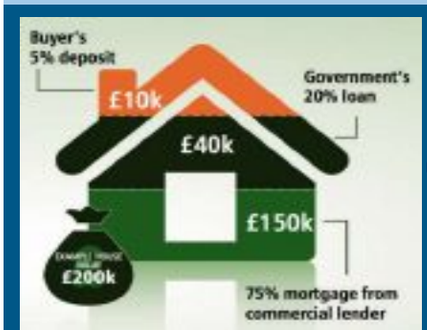

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THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW £299,000

This well presented family home occupies a pleasant location in Hargrave.
It offers spacious three bedroom double glazed accommodation including a modern kitchen and conservatory. Externally it boasts an attractive garden with summerhouse and benefits from a single garage with additional carport. EPC rating D

SPACIOUS TERRACED COTTAGE £179,995

Extended and updated whilst still retaining many original features.
A spacious two bedroom terraced house located in a popular residential area closeNewmarket High Street. The property benefits from a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and an updated bathroom with separate bath and shower. EPC Rating. E

DETACHED HOME IN STETCHWORTH £249,950

This beautifully decorated detached property offers spacious accommodation in a sought after, private location within this ever popular village.
It benefits from three double bedrooms, and is located in the catchment area for outstanding schools. Good links to Cambridge and London. EPC rating D

DELIGHTFUL TOWN CENTRE COTTAGE £230,000

A charming, extended end of terrace cottage, substantially improved throughout.
With three bedrooms and two reception rooms this property offers well-proportioned accommodation with a useful loft space. Views over paddocks to the rear. EPC Rating. D

SUPERB FAMILY HOME, GAZELEY £425,000

An outstanding five bedroom detached house located in a quiet and well-regarded cul-de-sac location in the popular village of Gazeley.
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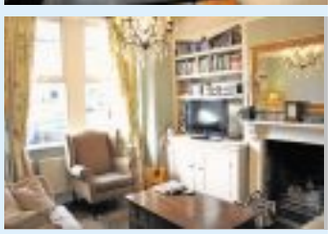

AN IMMACULATE SEVEN BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE £495,000

This three storey period townhouse enjoys a premier location close to Newmarket High Street and its amenities.
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Three bed terraced cottage in a sought after village location.
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Greatly extended and recently refurbished three bedroom family home.
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DETACHED FAMILY HOME IN SOHAM **£285,000**

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EXTENDED END OF TERRACE HOUSE **£179,950**

Offering excellent accommodation including an open plan sitting/dining area, kitchen, utility room, upstairs bathroom and two good-sized bedrooms.
Externally it benefits from a low maintenance courtyard garden with gate providing access to the side of the property. EPC rating E

A DELIGHTFUL AND SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM COTTAGE **£315,000**

The accommodation is spacious and presented to a high standard throughout.
This characterful three bedroom 19th century cottage occupies an excellent location on a quiet, no through, road, in the heart of this highly sought after south east Cambridgeshire village of Dullingham. Externally it benefits from open views and spectacular rear gardens. EPC rating D

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From £24,995: New Subaru Forester due.

New Forester tagged

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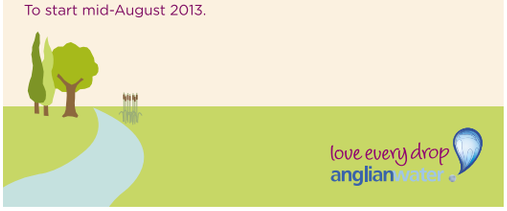

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Martial arts

A GROUP of Ely students were among a contingent from the Mark Farnham School of Tae Kwon-Do who excelled at the English Championships.
They took part in patterns, sparring, destruction and team sparring events during the day at the Skydome, Coventry, which will also be the venue for the World Championships in July.
Ely results: C Bibby (3rd, girls' black belt sparring, J Boydell (2nd, boys' black belt sparring, J Boydell (2nd, boys' black belt team sparring, A Edwards (2nd, boys' black belt team sparring, L Gillett (3rd, executive men's red belt sparring, R Gillham (3rd, men's yellow belt sparring, R Gillham (2nd, men's yellow belt patterns, O Hickman (3rd, girls' black belt sparring, L Jackson (3rd, executive ladies' black belt sparring, C Le (2nd, cadet boys' black belt sparring, C Lord (3rd, girls' black belt sparring, R Sivickis (1st, men's blue belt sparring, R Sivickis (3rd, men's blue belt patterns, A Spruce (3rd, cadet boys' black belt sparring, A Spruce (1st, cadet boys' black belt patterns, V Vitacolonna (3rd, men's blue belt sparring).

Football

Debut season: Sutton Rangers under-14 girls' team are enjoying their first year of competitive football in the S-Tech League and have been delighted with the progress they have made so far. The team, sponsored by Airway Air Conditioning, Chatteris, are on the lookout for new players currently in Year Eight or Nine to join their squad. Anyone interested should contact team manager Claire Baker on 07825 047204 or on email at Claire.baker1@talktalk.net CP

Cycling

That's a good Friday display by ace Eley!

MATT Eley was the quickest of seven Ely & District Cycling Club riders who lined up in the King's Lynn CC 10 Open Time Trial on Good Friday.

The event started in sunshine which soon turned to snow showers, but Eley was undeterred as he posted a time of 25min 46sec.

Other times were: Cliff Loveday 26.22, Andy Darley 27.37, Colin Whitechurch 28.27, Celia Whitechurch 32.04, Julian Whitechurch 32.55, Liam Walker 33.38.

The winning time was posted by Wisbech Wheelers rider Matthew Webster, who completed the course in 23.06. CP

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Table tennis

Woollard the architect of crucial victory

CLIVE Woollard was in unstoppable form to help Soham win their bottom-of-the-table clash against NCI 6-4 in the Ely & District League, Division One.

Woollard secured three games for the home team to set the foundation for victory, despite NCI's team of Colin Taylor, Kelvin Mitchell and Peter Moffatt all defeating Soham's Jay Johnson, who was struggling to find his best form.

Moffatt added a further victory for NCI by recording a good win over Soham's Tony Everitt, who recovered to win his remaining two games and joined Woollard to take the doubles and make sure of overall victory.

Elsworth's Roger Fensom secured three victories yet again and then joined Peter Goatly to take the doubles for a 7-3 win over Soham Comrades. Brian Freer won two singles and Goatly one. For Comrades, Mark Lillyman beat both Freer and Goatly, and Bela Szabo also beat Goatly.

Fulbourn II upset their first-string club-mates 6-4, despite Andy Merritt clocking up three wins for the firsts and joining Jon Chapman to take the doubles. But Howard, David Leek and Max Schwiening ran through the rest of the card for the seconds.

Elsworth are in top spot but Haddenham, only seven points behind, have six games to play. The likely relegation candidates appear to be NCI and Fulbourn II, although there is still time for surprises.

In Division Two, Fulbourn V romped to a 5-0 lead against Impington, with three of the games going to five, before Duncan Taylor put Impington on the map. But it only held off the inevitable as Phil Hague, Simon Johnson and Dave Roitman completed an 8-2 win for Fulbourn.

Fulbourn III saw off Countess by the same scoreline as Nigel Bates and Tim Leek won three each and the doubles.

Comrades III and Fulbourn III look to be heading for Division One next season, while at the foot of the Division Two table, Countess, Soham Comrades IV and Impington still have work to do to avoid the drop.

Soham Comrades V have won Division Three, where Elsworth II and Impington II are battling for the second spot.

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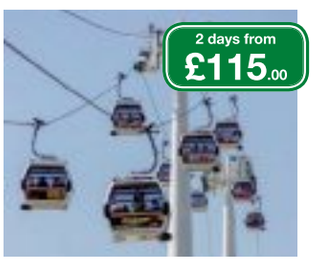

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Athletics

Streets ahead: Craig Holgate crosses the line in Perth to win the UKA 100km title. Inset: With his shield. CP

Centurion Holgate is just champion!

ELY Runners' Craig Holgate has become UK 100km champion.

Holgate represented England at the Anglo Celtic plate 100km race in Perth, which incorporates the home nations international and the UK Athletics championships.

The event consisted of 42 laps of a local park, starting at 7am in temperatures just below freezing.

Holgate relied on the miles in his legs and his ability to pace himself sensibly as he spent the first half of the race down the field as fourth scoring England runner, a lap down and some 15 minutes adrift.

But his patience was rewarded as he finished second overall in a time of 7hr 12min, but won the UK title as the winner, Dan Doherty who ran 7hr 5min, is from Ireland.

Holgate's time was under the Great Britain B standard, which means he is in with an excellent chance of representing GB at the World Championships in Durban, South Africa, in October.

Football: Latest news from the Unwin Ground and Julius Martin Lane

Alsop's anger with 'shambolic' Robins

ALAN Alsop bemoaned "the worst performance of the season" as Ely went down 2-0 at home to Woodbridge Town in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division on Bank Holiday Monday.

The injury-hit Robins went behind and were dealt a blow when Darren Coe went off at half time with a thigh injury.

Things got worse when Adam Murray was sent off after collecting two bookings midway through the second half.

With the hosts pushing for an equaliser, Woodbridge doubled their advantage to claim victory.

Manager Alsop (pictured) said: " It was an absolutely shambolic performance. We were down to the bare bones, but we had 11 out there who were good enough to beat a poor Woodbridge side.

"But from the first minute to the 90th minute, it was the worst performance of the season and I told them in no uncertain terms afterwards I wasn't happy with it.

"We had two great performances in a row and I think this was just a game too far with so many injuries."

Richard Chadwick had given Ely City some early Easter cheer in Good Friday's encounter with Stanway Rovers.

His 24th-minute goal was enough to give the Robins a deserved victory.

Stanway rarely threatened and it was City who had the best chances, with Luke Parkinson and Andrew Claydon both going close to extending City's lead.

Ely travel to Kirkley & Pakefield in the Premier Division on Saturday and follow it up with a home match against leaders Dereham on Tuesday.

Blast: Ely City manager Alan Alsop was furious with his team's poor performance on Bank Holiday Monday.

Mason lays foundation for Greens' vital victory

Wroxham 0 Soham Tn Rgrs 3

RYMAN LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE NORTH

A ROBBIE Mason brace and a goal from Neil Andrews clinched a 3-0 win for Soham Town Rangers at Wroxham on Bank Holiday Monday.

Victory keeps Soham in with an outside chance of the play-offs, and Mason opened the scoring after just seven minutes before netting again on the half hour mark.

It was not until the 74th minute when the visitors scored their third goal, Andrews getting on the scoresheet to complete the win.

And there was more good news for Steve Fallon's men with play-off rivals Aveley, who Soham play at Julius Martin Lane on the final day of the season, losing at leaders Grays Athletic.

Sixth-placed Rangers now trail Aveley by three points having played two games more.

It was two wins in a row for the Greens, who beat Needham Market 3-2 at home on Saturday.

Rangers took control from the start but it was not until the 19th minute when they opened the scoring, Mason heading home James McCabe's cross.

Needham equalised in the 25th minute but the hosts restored their advantage three minutes later when Buster Harradine struck a superb volley into the top corner.

The visitors piled on the pressure early in the second half and drew level for the second time in the 72nd minute.

But once again Steve Fallon's men delivered the perfect response as, three minutes later, Lewis McDonald scored from a free kick to make it 3-2.

Dan Bircham then pulled off a fine save at the death to preserve all three points.

"It was a good win," said Fallon.

"We created lots of chances and deserved to win it.

"We're still in with a shot of the play-offs and will keep going as hard as we can."

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